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### Yemeni parliament speaker visits Riyadh

SANAA (AP) — Yemen's parliament speaker flew to Riyadh, Sandi Arabia's capital, Sunday for talks on a border dispute that has triggered armed clashes in recent weeks. The visit hy Sheikh Abdullah Al Ahmar, a powerful pro-Saudi chief of the dominated Hashed tribal confederation, is his second to Saudi Arabia since December. In a departure statement, Sheikh Ahmar said the trip was "part of continuous consultations to strengthen the brotherly relations between the two countries to serve the interests of the two nations." He said he will prepare for a summit meeting between Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Saudi King Pand. Saudi Arabia and Yemen, the largest countries on the peninsula, have been locked in a border dispute since the 1930s, when they fought a brief war. But tension heightened in the past two months after the Sanas government accused Saudi Arabia of building roads and military posts in what Yemen claims is its territory. Sanaa also said that Saudi patrols have attacked Yemeni positions, inflicting 10 casualties, earlier this month.

# Jordan Times

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Seminar urges plans for rural areas

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma on Sunday chaired the final session of a seminar on the role of Arab women in developing urban areas. The seminar was organised by the National Committee on Women's Affairs and the United Nations Human Settlements Centre. Princess Basma voiced pride

in the friendly atmosphere which prevailed during discussions at

the seminar, in which representatives of eight Arab countries participated, saying this represents the "genuine" relations among Arab countries. Princess Basma also underlined the importance of

recommendations issued by the seminar and voiced hope that Arab meetings on various issues would continue. In recommendations issued Sunday, the seminar called for regional plans to tacke

problems resulting from urbanisation and far directing develop-

ment policies towards resolving problems plaguing rural areas.

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# Suicide blasts kill 18 in Israel

# Islamic Jihad claims responsibility; calls go up for suspension of self-rule talks; territories sealed off

BEIT LID JUNCTION (R) The claim that the guerril-A suicide bombing las came from Gaza brought claimed by the militant Islamic Jihad group killed at least 18 people, mostly Israeli soldiers, on Sunday near a bus station where troops wait for transport into the occupied West Bank.

Islamic Jihad, in a statement faxed to an international news agency, said two of its suicide bombers — both from Gaza — carried out the attack in central Israel, which rocked further the fragile Israeli-Palestinian Liberation

junction on Sunday where two bombs ex-

ploded. A hole in the ground on the bottom

Jordan to send relief to Japan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan

will send emergency rebef supplies to Japan on Monday

to help the victims of the

earthquake that hit parts of

Japan last week. A Jordanian

delegation will transport the

relief supplies, presented hy

the Jordanian Armed Forces,

to Tokyo. His Royal High-

ness Prince Abdullah Ben Al

Hussein and other officials

will see the delegation off.

Search for missing

ANKARA (R) — A joint

U.S.-Turkish military search for a missing U.S. airman and

his young son, presumed lost

on a ski trip was called off, on Sunday. Officials said the

pair had probably died on the

N. Korea urges nuclear

TOKYO (R) - North

Korea, suspected by the West

of developing its own nuclear

weapons, on Sunday urged

states with nuclear weapons

ment, joining in the trend of

the time towards detente, disarmament and peace," said the official North Korean dai-

WASHINGTON (AFP) -

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more public pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to rethink the peace process with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who is responsible for secur-

President Ezer Weizman, whose post is largely ceremo-nial, told Israel Television: "I believe we should now suspend the talks - not stop them, but suspend them and tell him (PLO chief Yasser Arafat): make a bigger Organisation (PLO) peace. effort' (to stop guerrilla

Israeli security officials said at least 18 people were killed by two explosions at a snack bar near a bus station where dozens of soldiers waited for buses or to hitch rides to their West Bank bases after the Jewish sab-

"The snack bar was blown apart by the first explosion. Soldiers at the hitch-hiking station then ran towards it to belp the wounded. Shortly after that there was another explosion," said witness Kobi Marciano.

Police chief Assaf Hefetz said the body of one guerrilla

had been recovered. Israel army radio reported investigators were checking whether a second bomber was in-

"The Islamic Jihad forces announce their responsibility for the two suicide attacks at the Beit Lid intersection," the group said in its state-

The hero Anwar Mohammed Sakr, 25, from Sajayia (in Gaza City) made a suicide attack on a Zionist hitchhiking station near a restaurant.

"The other hero, Salah Abdul Hamid Shaker Mohammad, 27, from Rafah (in southern Gaza), carried out the same attack on a bus station a few metres from the first hitch-hiking station," it

"Our combatants exploded a first bomb. Fifteen minutes later, as the Zionists gathered to belp their wounded, one of the unit's heroes hlew himself up with another bomb," said the statement. It described the bombings

as an "heroic and courageous operation" which killed or wounded "dozens of Zion-It added: "The fire will

continue burning - we will hunt down the Zionists until the last bastard has left our holy motherland." Islamic Jihad said it carried

out the bombings to avenge the killing last month of three Palestinian policemen in a clash with Israeli soldiers at the Erez crossing point be-

The attack, it said, also was part of its "general revenge" for the death in a carbomb blast in Gaza last November of Islamic Jihad activist Hani

Abed. Palestinian officials

have blamed Israel for his death. As workers picked body parts off the road and trees for burial, bloodied survivors at the scene and opposition politicians angrily called on the Rabin government to halt

peace talks with Palestinians. At least 62 people were wounded in the blast, 13 of them seriously.

Islamic Jihad, which condemns the 1993 PLO-Israel accord as a sell-out, bas claimed responsibility for previous attacks on Israeli targets, including a suicide bombing in Gaza last November in which three Israeli soldiers died.

Mr. Rabin broke off a crucial cabinet meeting discussing the boom in Jewish settlement building around Jerusalem to dash by helicopter to Netanya, a Mediterranean resort town close to the blast site.

The protesters chanting 'Rabin the traitor" and "Death to Arabs" demonstrated against his handling of security.

"I was for the peace process, hut not if there is going to be attacks like this every few days," said Yehezkel Nissim, who said he missed

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## Cairo meeting focuses

## on funds for Mideast projects

CAIRO (Agencies) — The steering committee supervising multilateral Middle East peace talks met in Cairo on Sunday to discuss raising money for projects still at the planning stage.
"... Today there is a very

important question, whether we can go on and finance these projects or whether they will be just nice projects shelved somewhere," Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told reporters.

"Financing is one of the issues we have to tackle. The financial tools of implementing these ideas in the Middle East will be of crucial importance in the near future and we will talk about it

today," he added. U.S. delegate Robert Pelletreau, assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, said: "We have more projects than we bave financing for, that is true."

The committee is chaired by the United States and Russia, sponsors of the Middle East peace process laun-ched in Madrid in 1991. Other members are Jordan, the Palestinians, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia on be-half of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Tunisia representing the Arah Maghreb Union, and Japan and Canada.

The two-day committee meeting would also assess the progress of its working groups on arms control, water, refugees, environment and economic affairs, officials said. "We have agreed to hold

an intersectional meeting in Cairo to continue our monitoring of the work of all the groups to see if there are areas that we can operate more efficiently and plan for the next round of meeting,' Mr. Pelletreau added.

# King visits Oman today

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein leaves for Muscal, the Sultanate of Oman, today (Monday), for talks with Sullan Qaboos Ben Saced.

The Kingdom's ambassador 10 Oman. Samir Rifai Al Humoud, was quoted by Agence France Press (AFP) as saying that King Hussein and Sulian Qaboos will discuss the situation prevailing in the Arah region. He said the visit comes

as part of the continued consultations between the two countries, adding that mending fences between Arab countries and the Middle East peace process will also rank high in





Bishop Kenneth Solitton of the Church of the Award to His Majesty King Hussein on Sun-Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith in the day (Petra photo)
U.S. presents the Apostolic Humanitarian

# U.S. church honours King with second award for peace since 1968

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein re-ceived at the Royal Court on Sunday a delegation representing the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith in the United States led by Bishop Kenneth Sobilton, who presented to the King an outline of the church's activities in huma-

The bishop voiced the Sohilton. The presentation

church's appreciation of the King's efforts to achieve peace and stability in the Middle East and presented bim with the Apostolic Humanitarian Award.

King Hussein became the first world leader to receive the church's award for the second time. The King received the same award in 1968, according to Bisbop

was in recognition of the King's distinguished endeavours for peace, the hisbop said.

Other recipients of the award include South African President Nelson Mandela. Present at the audience was Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Royal

Court Chief Marwan Al Qas-

# Jordanian, PLO officials work on accords ahead of Arafat visit

By Lamis K. Andoni

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Jordanian and Palestinian officials started

meetings on Sunday to prepare for a visit by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat to Amman this week. The two sides were ex-

pected to discuss draft cooperation agreements to be signed by His Majesty King Hussein and Mr. Arafat after the PLO leader arrives on Jordanian and Palestinian

officials told the Jordan Times that agreements in all spheres should be reached by Monday evening to be in-corporated in a broad protocol for cooperation. They said that the draft

economic agreement reached last January will be "up-dated" as the two sides are seeking to make modifications in the document to adjust to developments that had taken place, especially the

Jordanian-Israeli peace trea

Meetings between ministers of various economic fields continued late on Sunday night "to update" the economic agreement and produce a final draft.

A Jordanian official who attended the meetings described the talks "as extreme-ly friendly" and expressed hope that they would signal a new beginning in bilateral re-

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# Heavy rains hinder rescue efforts in quake- hit Kobe

KOBE (Agencies) — Heavy rain diminished hopes Sun-Authorities issues day of finding more survivors in this quake-stricken city, as the cost of rehailding topped \$100 hillion and looting broke ont for the first time since the disaster.

Criticism also mounted abont the sluggish response of Japanese officials to the country's most expensive catastrophe since World War II, with reports that hureaucrats had argued about whether it was a "particularly terrible" disaster.

"If the government acted a little earlier, people's lives would have been saved," former Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, now deputy head of the higgest opposition party, Shinshinto (New Frontier Party), said in northern

Authorities issued more warnings against the risk of

landslides or wall collapses in Kobe, evacuating over 4,000 people from their homes. Weather forecasters said the rain, the first since the quake, would continue until

early Monday. Rescuers dug through the night for more survivors of Tuesday's earthquake, which police said left 4,936 dead

and 175 missing. Two men, aged 79 and 69, were dug out on Saturday after more than 100 hours under the rubble of their

homes. The national police agency also said that 25,896 people had been confirmed injured by nightfall Snnday and

nearely 51,000 bouses and

buildings damaged in Tues-day's quake — the deadliest to hit Japan in 72 years and in aftershocks and fires. Kobe fire chief Shojiro Kawakami said the rain would delay rescue opera-

The bill for rebuilding Kobe will exceed 10 trillion yen (\$100 billion), the local governor predicted Sunday. Tosbitami Kaibara, gov-

ernor of Hyogo prefecture, which includes Kobe, said damage to buildings would cost 4.26 trillion yen and rehuilding port facilities another 1.04 trillion yen. The eartbouake is ex-

pected to cost the Lloyds of London insurance market around one hillion pounds

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# Israeli cabinet okays more building around Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM handed over to the Palesti-(AP) — The Israeli government amounced Sunday that more homes for Israeli settlers could be huilt around East Jerusalem hut it set up a special ministerial committee

to monitor construction. The decision appeased both left and right-wing ministers in the cabinet, although it seemed unlikely to please Palestinians wbo are campaigning for a total

halt to the spread of settlements. The cabinet said it would partially freeze settlement

construction on the occupied West Bank, in line with a decision of November 1992. But further construction would be encouraged around-Jerusalem, on the West Bank, according to another

decision taken in January

mans in areas with a large Arah population, the government said.

"The government will consider granting government land to the Palestinians in densely-populated areas," it said in an official statement.

"It's a reasonable decision because for the first time it imposes a government control over construction in Israeli settlements," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz Party.

Meretz wants an end to settlement building outside the municipal borders of Jerusalem.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer, who favours building in a wide belt around the Holy City, was also happy with the deci-

1993. sion.

Some "state-owned" land on the territory could also be hands," he said. "The main

thing is that construction can go ahead without obstacles." Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin will sit on the committee along with Mr. Ben Eliezer, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Justice Minister David Libai and Communications

Minister Shulamit Aloni of Meretz. The cabinet stressed the importance of further building within Jerusalem's borders to strengthen the "un-ited capital." That means in East Jerusalem which Israel annexed in 1967 and the

Palestinians demand as their own capital. The statement added that land confiscation would take place only for security needs - a concept left vague - and

to build roads with the prior agreement of the commis-The committee would au-

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# Grozny under heavy fire as Russians renew assault

GROZNY (Agencies) — Russian forces renewed their artillery and rocket offensive against remaining rebel positions here Sunday, and continued a bombing drive to spread their control through-

out Chechenya. The dawn offensive came after a lull in fighting over-night, with Chechen defenders maintaining control of the eastern bank of the Sunzha, the river that bisects Grozny from north to south.

The Russian forces were also continuing their offensive in a southern and western arc from the capital to capture towns and villages between Grozny and the

Many observers predict the conflict is poised to enter a Grozny were under threat in new phase, with rebels redeploying to launch guerrilia raids from mountainous southern Chechenya. The Russians have been trying to isolate this region.

After three days ago taking

Assinovskaya, 35 kilometres southwest of Grozny, with around 100 armoured vehicles, Russian forces concentrated their attacks on Bamut, some 10 kilometres further to the southwest. Four days of heavy shelling

have also dislodged Chechen

fighters and the 500 families who live in Bamut, the site of a former Soviet military base. Eight of the 11 villages around the Chechen town of Achkhoi Martan were reported Saturday to have been bombed by warplanes, helicopters or artillery in the

previous 48 hours. Achkhoi-Martan, Guekhi Valerik, Urus Martan, Goiti all the communities fringing the road south from the face of the remorseless Russian tactic to take over the villages one by one.

The fighting had concentrated around Grozny since

the start of the year, three weeks after Russian troops

mainly-Muslim republic in a bid to crush Chechenya's three-year secession from Russia.

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But despite taking most of Grozny last week, Russian forces have so far failed to capture Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, who bas been declared their main target. So they are spreading

counter-intelligence forces, Sergei Stepashin, said Saturday that Mr. Dudayev's capture was essential to force the surrender of the rebels. It is not just the Russians who are after Mr. Dudayev. His supporters and oppo-

At Urus-Martan, beadquarters of the opposition to Dudayev 25 kilometres south of Grozny, reporters saw a

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Somali hostage-takers have freed Freuch aid worker Rudy Marcq, held captive for 37 days, U.N. and Enropean Union (EU) officials said here Sunday, in a move seen as encouraging for aid agencies planning to stay after U.N. troops pull ont in

Mr. Marcq, 24, an employee of the French aid agency International Action Against Famine (AICF), was freed late Saturday and spent the night in the new U.N. headquarters at Mogadishu airport before being flown to Nairobi early Sunday ou board a World Food Prog-

ramme flight.
AICF officials insisted that no ransom was paid for the release of the aid agency hostage who was in good health and had been well treated, building up a strong rapport with his captors. "My conditions in deten-

tion were good," Mr. Marcq said on arrival in Nairobi. "I was well treated, properly fed with noodles and fish. They (the kidnappers) got me

drinking water every day."
"I changed house four times and was kept locked. up in a room each time. I had a mattress and towards the end I even had a bed: Unbelievable luxury."

In Mogadishu, the kidnappers were also allowed to go free and two of them, Hassan Warsame and Slad Khalif Qui Qui, backed Marcq's reports telling AFP here that their hostage was "a man of

strong moral discipline... A brave young man who could adjust himself to any sort of

Observers in Mogadishu fear a renewal of fighting between groups lead by Mohammad Ali Aideed and his rival Ali Madhi Mohammad when U.N. troops complete their March withdrawal, hut said Sunday the Frenchman's release could be a sign that faction fighter were coming under greater

U.N. and aid agency offi-cials, delighted by the re-lease, claimed it had happened as a direct result of their announcement last week that they were suspending all but emergency opera-tions in Mogadishn until Mr. Marcq was freed.

"It worked. The kidnappers were put under heavy pressure by the Somalis and they had to give in," said a delighted Fernando Zamasso, the Italian director of the World Food Programme in

Jean-Luc Bodin, head of AICF operations, agreed: The pressure worked. The kidnappers gave in. It's great for the future of Somalia," he

Warland Aideed, who controls much of southern Mogadishu, also applied pressure for Mr. Marcq's release but Mr. Zanusso said he did not know how much success this had had.

More pressure was applied by clan leaders.

# European, N. African ministers announce security accord

to intensify efforts to fight

Even as they deliberated, Muslim militants shot dead football federation as he left his Algiers home, the official

Charles Pasqua, Italy's Antonio Brancaccio, Portugal's Manuel Dias Lonreiro, Spain's Secretary of State for the Interior Margarita Robles, Algerian Interior Minis-ter Abdul Rahman Meziane Cherif, and Tunisia's Abdullah Kallel attended the meet-

"It was one of the most

There is a necessity for us to have a comprehensive approach to these problems,"

army-hacked authorities against Muslim fundamentalists has raged for three years. killing up to 30,000 people since the authorities cancelled an election in 1992 that fundamentalists had been poised to win.

said security forces had killed 20 Muslim guerrillas in a week-long sweep. Western European countries worry that violence in up security controls and bor-der checks to counter Muslim

both involved in the hijack of a French airliner by the Islamic Armed Group (GIA), the most violent of Algeria's rebel groups. French commandos stormed the aircraft in Marseille, killing the four hijackers and freeing the pas-

Tunisia crushed its fundamentalist movement in 1991, and has since urged European countries, especially France and Britain, to extradite their exiled fundamentalist activists.

tourists were killed.

Morocco, invited to the Tnnis meeting, dubbed 4+3," did not take part, to

Mr. Said said the PUK was prepared to meet a KDP from Erbil but would not hand the city over to its rival. "We are willing to pull out of Erbil but we want to give it

claborate.

The galloping bozkhashi horsemen of northern Afghanistan statung the frenzy all over

> as a metaphor to describe mid-December. the cold war struggle hetween the superpowers in which Afghanistan itself was the contested prize. But sadly, long after the Soviet Red Army and the

munists, the imagery is still appropriate. In April 1992 the mn-

bozkashi, then the capital faces the same fate as the carcass — total annihila-

# Armed guards ride train to Egypt's tourist sites

ON BOARD TRAIN 84, Egypt (AFP) — Tourist train number 84 readied to pull out of Cairo station under tight security, as it does every night for its 900-kilometre journey south.

Armed policemen, many with dogs, patrolled the platforms as tourists slipped past the guards and the bustling crowds loaded down with string-tied suitcases and boxes of checking chickens.

Egyptians had to show their teckets and some were searched.

The trip from Cairo to Aswan in Upper Egypt costs around \$85, about the same as a plane ticket, for a night's accommodation complete with dinner in an atmosphere reminiscent of the Orient Ex-

Alcoholic drinks flow liberally on the train run by the Compagnie Francaise des Wagons-Lits.

A normal train fare costs \$15, but most are off-limits to tourists for security reasons. Stewards were posted at the front of each carriage, police inspected compart-ments and the train left accompanied by guards armed with assault rifles in engine rooms at the front and the back.

The 15-hour journey pas-ses through the heartland of Muslim militants, who have been campaigning to topple the government since March 1992 in a bloody conflict which has left almost 600 dead; including 12 tourists.

Earlier in January, the very same train was attacked just north of Luxor and two Argentine tourists and four Egyptians were wounded. But the tight security a

week later surprised many of the 140 passengers, including. 80 tourists, mostly Russians and Argentines, seated in carriages.

separate compartments from

the rest of the train. "It frightens me," said 68vear-old American Betty Graham, but one Australian woman who did not want to he named found it reassuring. Texan Michelle Evatt, 29, said: "I wrote my will before

But none of those ques-tioned had been told of the dangers by their travel agen-cy, even though many embassies in Cairo warn their nationals not to journey to Upper Egypt by road or

One U.S. tourist was surprised the train stopped shortly afterwards at Giza, saying she had been assured it went straight through to

But later as the tourists slept it stopped again first in Asynt, 400 kilometres down the line and a former militant stronghold, and then in Qena, 200 kilometres further

From there it sped on to-wards Luzor passing swiftly through the area where trains have been the target of attack, most of them claimed by the outlawed Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah.

So far one person has died and 40 were wounded in attacks on Train 84, 10 of them tourists.

At the end of December a oliceman was killed when militants boarded the train, changing their usual pattern of firing at it from below with automatic weapons before fleeing into the dense cover of nearby sugar-cane fields. "We are waiting to die,"

said one fatalistic steward. was completed without anything more serious than a blocked door between two

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### **UAE reports 15 marine accidents**

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Tanker collisions and leaks from oil terminals caused 15 marine pollution accidents in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in 1994, an official report said on Saturday. The worst accident occurred in March off the eastern port of Fujeirah, when nearly 15,000 tonnes of crude spilled into the Gulf Oman after two tankers collided, the report by the coastguard authorities said. Other accidents involved damage to oil pipelines and loading terminals but were not serious, the report said. Six accidents occurred in Dubai, five in Abu Dhabi and the rest in the other five emirates. The report made no mention of daily dumping of sludge and other waste by tankers cleaning their oil storage tanks.

### Saddam uses a double — Sunday Times

LONDON (AFP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein employs a double to avoid being assassinated during public appearances, The Sunday Times reported. The paper said the double whose real name was Fawaz Al'Emari had been given plastic surgery to make him look even more like the Iraqi leader. The Sunday Times carried on its front page a photograph widely published two years ago purporting to show President Saddam bathing in the Tigris River. The legend underneath the photo said: "Guess who? No, it's not Saddam Hussein." The paper's report said: "The first confirmation of what had previously only been suspected comes from an army officer who was himself forced to act comes from an army officer who was himself forced to act as the double for Uday," the Iraqi leader's eldest son. Latif Yahia acted as Uday's double for four years before managing to escape from Iraq and flee to Vienna where he obtained political asylum, the report said. Mr. Yahia was quoted as saying that President Saddam's first double was killed in 1984 when a car-bomb exploded as the double was travelling in a car from Baghdad to Tikrit, President's

### Freed Briton flown to Pakistan

KABUL (AFP) - British national Eden Fernandez who was held captive by an Afghan Shiite faction in west Kabul for eight months was flown out of Afghanistan on a special Red Cross flight Sunday. "We were requested by British diplomats present in Kabul to fly Fernandez out of Afghanistan which we gladly accepted on humanitarian grounds," said Peter Stocker, Kabul chief of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Mr. Fernandez was released Saturday by the Shinte Hezb-i-Wahdat faction leader Abdul Ali Mazari into the custody of Pakistan-based British diplomat Stephen Evans.

### Egyptian police kill new Gamaa Al Islamiyah chief 1992," police said,

CAIRO (AFP) - Police shot and killed the new head of the outlawed fundamentalist Gamaa Islamiyah group in southern Egypt on Sunday as the death toll in three years of unrest rose to more than 600, police said.

Mahmoud Selim, 29, became Gamaa leader after police killed former chiefs Talaat Yassin Hamam in April and Hassan Abdul Galil in October, they added.

Selim, a former teacher who had been hunted by police for years, was shot dead along with his body-guard Taleb Bakhit Betouhi in a gunbattle in the southern yptian town of Sobag, 500 kilometres sonth of Cairo.

"Mahmoud Selim was the main terrorist leader and police were hunting him for years for having organised and carried out 36 attacks thronghout Egypt since

MAZAR-E-SHARIF

(AFP) — A chunk of meat the size of a fillet steak

came flying ont of the

melee to be snatched up by

a fleet-footed Afghan youth

who had dahsed out of the

The meat had been rip-

ped from a decapitated

animal carcass lying be-

neath the stamping hooves

of thirty horses, as riders

leaned low in their saddles

trying to snatch the

macabre prize from the

This was a difficult task

because the horses reared

and rammed into each

other as the riders, dressed

in fur caps, padded over-coats and knee-high leather

boots, slashed with whips

and bludgeoued each other

with their elbows.

cheering crowd.

ground.

"He was the mastermind of the terrorist Gamaa Islamiyya and gave orders to carry out attacks throughout

The double shooting raised to 604 the death toll since March 1992 when Islamic

President Hosni Mnbarak. important anti-terrorist opcrations in the last several months because they were

Egypt.
"He carried out dozens of terrorist crimes and was responsible for most attacks in Upper Egypt, in Assiyut, Sohag and Qena."

Police also said they chief in Sohag, Abul Futuh Abu Deif, and 37 other mili-

militants launched a campaign of violence to topple

very dangerous elements,"

A cross between polo and a gladiator combat, the

Afghan winter sport of boz-

khashi literally means "goat-grahhing," although calves, some weighing up to

50 kilogrammes, are more

commonly used.

The object of the game is

to pluck the headless calf

from a circle painted on the

ground, eut through a

throng of some 200

mounted novices hanging

ont on the periphery of the

main players, and ride like

fury to a distant flag, then

return and drop the calf in

the circle again.
Played by the Uzbeks.

Tajiks and Turkomans of

northern Afghanistan, boz-

kashi is a cultural relic of

ancient nomadie ancestors,

who some say preferred live

prisoners-of-war to dead

arrested Gamaa's military

TUNIS (R) - Security ministers from four European countries and two North African states have pledged Mr. Pasqua said.

SUICIDE BLASTS: Plastic covered bodies lie on the ground

where police experts examine the scene of a bombing in the

Muslim fundamentalist viothe president of Algeria's

APS news agency reported. France's Interior Minister

The ministers... solemnly and firmly condemned terrorism, fundamentalism and every form of extremism and fanaticism and appeal for an end of violence because only civil peace will allow economic and social development," a joint statement issued at the

end of the meeting said. The ministers said they have "decided to increase the exchange of information and their cooperation on the bilateral and multilateral levels, to fight the various forms of crimes... increasingly linked to terrorism and fundamentalism," it said.

The results are extremely positive, because it is the first time four European ministers and two Maghreb states have

agreed to together condemn terrorism, fundamentalism and fanaticism," Mr. Cherif told Renters.

In Algeria, violence pitting

On Saturday, the APS news agency said football federation chief Rachid Haraigue, 58, married with two children, died shortly af-ter being shot. Algiers Radio said he had been building up the sports movement as "a rampart against terrorism." In a separate dispatch APS

North Africa could spread to

France, which fears a fundamentalist threat within its Muslim community of about 4.5 million people, and Spain last year said they would step

# guerrillas France and Algeria were

ANKARA (Agencies) — Peace talks between rival Iraqi Kurdish groups who have shelled each other in recent days are faltering over con-trol of a key city, Iraqi Kur-dish sources said on Sunday. "Negotiations are not going well, in fact there is tension," Shazad Saib, the

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Kurds say

mediation

"There were artillery ex-

changes near Gomaspan but the fighting wasn't very im-portant," he said. Mr. Saib

could give no casualty fi-

He said a 60-member com-

mittee, made up of PUK and

KDP delegates was trying to persuade the factions' leaders

to declare a ceasefire.

Ankara representative of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), said. Minor clashes between the PUK and the rival Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) broke out on Priday around the northern Iraqi towns of Said Sadiq and Shaneary, near the Iranian border, and Gomaspan, further west, Mr. Saib said.

have 30 active fundamentalist groups. This month the trial started in the city of Fez of 18 alleged fundamentalists, six of them carrying French passports, who are accused of carrying out attacks, including one in which two Spanish

the surprise of diplomats.

In Rabat, a Foreign Ministry spokesman quoted by the Moroccan news agency MAP said flatly Morocco was not participating. He did not

The talks went ahead as

to the local police force and not the KDP," he said. The PUK, led by Jalal Talabani, and the KDP of Massond Barzani have shared power in northern Iraq since a 1992 election. The rival groups have clashed frequently in and around Erbil, the seat of Kuragain and continuing until the carcass was reduced to a dish power in northern Iraq, ragged fleshless pelt. in the last year. The latest round of fighting began in Bozkashi was often used

> The Kurds set up a regional government in Erbil after breaking away from Baghdad's authority following the Gulf war in 1991. They are protected from Iraqi govern-ment forces by a Western allied air force based in

southern Turkey. KDP radio, meanwhile, charged that PUK forces were shelling Suleymaniya in northeastern Iraq, killing civilians and damaging

Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz on Saturday urged the warring Kurds to accept President Saddam · Hussein's offer to mediate.

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high as \$15,000 each. One of the horsemen hroke free from the mob with the calf wedged under his leg and dashed at full gallop across the open plain

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Whips in mouths and steering their mounts by their stirrups, two riders each fought with hoth hands in a tug-of-war for possession of the calf, until one broke free, wheeled around the flag and charged back to the circle to drop

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Children peddled locallymade popcorn and smuggled American cigarettes as the hozkashi sponsor announced a new prize,

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# **Home News** ls ride trai

# Queen receives 'International Award for the Promotion of Development, Democracy and Peace'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor returned to Jordan Saturday night from a working visit to the United States, a Royal Court statement said Sunday. At a ceremony at the United Nations on Friday, the National Organisation of Arab-American Women (NOAAW) presented the Oueen with the "International Award for the Promotion of Development, Democracy and Peace." United Nations Fund for Popular Activities (UNFPA) Director-General Nafis Sadik, represented the U.N. secretary general at the ceremony, which was also attended by several government officials, beads and members of diplomatic missions and prominent members of the Arab-American

Explainer as the lower step in supposed again for a supposed again for a suppose and a former mag. In her address at the United Nanons, Queen Noor reviewed some of the possibilities Jordan envisages for the emerging Middle East and emphasised the "increasingly relevant role of women and of organisations such as.... (NOAAW) to our (the Kingdom's) quest for a new society in this era of transformation," the Royal Court statement said.

Speaking of the Arab World, the Queen said: 'We must reassess our past differences and look towards reinforcing national achievements and strengths with the immeasurable greater forces of integration and economies of scale; and we must develop a common vision of our future based on our shared history and strong cultural

bonds. According to the statement, Queen Noor added that "The new Middle East that we seek to pass on to our of peace, development and stability. But it is impossible to speak credibly of these without speaking of social justice, political participation and fundamental humao rights. Our countries face the common challenge to mobilise the taleots and energies of all their members to achieve economic and political development that is sustainable, equitable and responsive to real needs.

Speaking of the role of Arab women, Queen Noor, according to the statement, said that "While in all Arab societies, women still face varying degrees of legal and social obstacles to their personal development, professional fulfillment and participation in public and political life, large numbers of women bave nevertheless contributed to and benefited from the development momentum of recent decades. Unlike their prevalent portrayal in the West, many Arab women are educated, deeply involved in family and community decisions, and increasingly active in political, professional and economic life at the national level. The rising level of education of Arah girls and women has been one of the most profound and positive forces of change in our re-

Queen Noor added that "The world now has an excitmg and historic opportunity to work together for human development goals which are deeply rooted in a common moral legacy of justice, humanism and peace.

The statement said the Queen expressed her concern that the "new momentum of hope and cooperation is threatened by disquieting children offers the promise predictions, appearing in the



discourse of Western analysts, of an inevitable and violent clash of cultures, parricularly between the Islamic and Western worlds. At this moment of global change and hope, it would be a great tragedy and a tremendous waste to allow the ideological polarisation that characterised the cold war era to be replaced by a civilisational confrootation, based on ignorance and unfounded

According to the state-ment, the Queen emphasised the role of individuals throughout the world and of international organisations in the establishment of a meaningful and constructive dialogue between the Western and Arab/Islamic worlds and in the promotion of better cross-cultural understanding. The National Organisation nf Arab-American Women is a nnn-profit nrganisatinn established in 1992 to promote the interests of Arab and Arab-American women in the United States, and to increase their visibility and influence and ensure their representation in American

and academic circles. The organisation supports educational and training activities for Arab women in the Middle East and assists them in their efforts to achieve economic, political and social

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advancement.
NOAAW also serves as a focal point for the involvement of Arabs and Arab-Americans in activities that enhance opportunities for

# 'Developed countries should lift restraints on imports from developing countries'

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb Sunday called for the lifting of what he said were conditions and restraints imposed by developed countries on imports from the developing world despite preferential trade agreements.

Mr. Ahul Ragheb, addressing the opening session of a three-day seminar on bow Jordan could benefit from international trade agreements, said the government was also exerting efforts to increase Jordan's exports and help local industries increase

output.
"Jordan is reviewing its economic policies, and this seminar is of key importance to the country," Mr. Ahul Ragheh said, noting that the gathering was dedicated to discussing the requirements and procedures related to exports under preferential trade agreements such as the Generalised System of Pre-ferences (GSP) and others.

"At a time when export promotion is a policy of most governments, and the private sector is assuming increased interest in opportunities, we find that developed countries are attaching some limitations and conditions to imports from developing countries," Mr. Abul Ragheb said. These include criteria or origin, local industrial input and other parameters as well as exclusion of some products, he noted.

"The GSP scheme has not achieved its goals," said the minister. "If the GSP goals were to be achieved, then all restrictions and limitations imposed by the developed countries on imports from the developing countries should

Mr. Abul Ragheb as well as other speakers at the seminar noted that Jordan's industrial base was relatively small and exports from the Kingdom did not pose any threat to developing coun-

GSP is a preferential trade system under which developed countries give customs-duty treatment to imports from developing coulouries without any recip-rocal action. But most of the a whole if it leads to higher embassy, noted that the deci-



Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Preferences and other trade laws and Ragheb Sunday presides over a national seminar on the Generalised System of

market access conditions to Jordanian exports (Petra photo)

developing countries signatory to the accord insist on the exporters meeting what is widely seen as an everincreasing list of requirements.

The seminar that opened Sunday at the Amman Chamber of Industry is organised hy the chamber in cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

During the course of the three-day event, UNCTAD officials, European Union and U.S. representatives and local and foreign experts are scheduled to address the audience on the various aspects of international trade accords and how to implement them to the best of Jordan's advan-

Khaldoun Abn Hassan, president of the Amman Chamber of Industry, told the opening session that the Jordanian government was actively engaged in efforts to promote exports and widen tbe Kingdom's industrial scope by belping the private

sector. As such, he said, detailed discussions oo trade agreements and practices aimed at familiarising Jordanian exporters on how to use-the accord would be much more beneficial to the private sec"The seminar is an inseparable part of the efforts to advance the national ecoпотпу," he said. Mr. Abu Hassan said Japan, the United States and

Europe exported \$1,907 million worth of goods to Jordan in 1993 while the Kingdom's exports to these countries were \$79 million. Europe alone exported goods worth \$1,083 million to Jordan in 1993, while taking in \$42 million in Jordanian exports, he said, calling for stepped up efforts at all levels to address

the imbalance, Teruo Ujje, UNCTAD coordinator on technical cooperation programmes on GSP and other trade laws, described the seminar as an important activity that would help Jordan's exporters.

"The active presence of experts from various organisations at this seminar is a clear reflection of their interest in providing technical cooperation as a means to assist your country to further its external trade sector," Mr. Ujje told the meeting. The utilisation of the various forms of preferential trade will assist your country to gain increased market ac-

Diego Brasioli, charge d'affaires at the Italian

sion of his government to finance the seminar "shows the interest of Italy in promning the full advantages of trade systems in order to allow the exporters to take greater advantage of trade accords when armed with the knowledge of the theoretical and practical steps of ap-

plying them." Quoting from the final declaration of the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 economic summit held in Casahlanca on economic development of the Middle East and North Africa, Mr. Brasioli emphasised the need to lift trade barriers, including boycotts. "It is a commitment taken seriously by the gov-ernment of Italy," he said.

Omar Hashem, resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Jordan, said there was "no question that preferential trade, either through GSP or bilateral treaties, creates economic incentives to the benefit of

developing countries."

Noting that UNDP bas financed and is continuing to fund GSP-related projects at various levels, Dr. Hashem expressed hope that "activi-ties such as the present seminar can actively contribute to further developing a better knowledge in the country needed to achieve its objectives of development."

# Ministry to take steps to control numbers of higher education programme specialties

By Ian Atalla

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - In response to the country's aching unemployment problems, a proposed council for accreditation of Jordan's college faculties will play a role in future government policy of strict university programmes in each academic specialty which would be allowed to operate in the Kingdom, as well as the number of students each faculty may admit, Minister of Higher Education Rateb Saoud said Sunday.

"We will strictly control the output of graduates from universities in Jordan, both the public and the private ones," Dr. Saoud told the Jordan Times.

For example, because of the current profound overflow of engineering graduates into the local job market, "we can definitely say that we may close a certain number of engineering programmes in a certain number of universities," he explained. In addition to this, "we may grant certain faculties accreditation, but tell them 'you can only accept 30 students per year in this school'." The proposed committee,

currently referred to in official legal drafts as "The Association for Accreditation of Higher Education," and ten-tatively due to be finalised within two weeks, would work as a sub-council answer-Education and bring "a more serious approach" to official evaluation and rating of higher education programmes in Jordan, Dr. Saoud said.

For one, be explained, it would begin work in what he felt was a currently loose area by setting up in-depth accreditation programmes for pubhic universities. Current standards for accrediting private universities would also be raised significantly, be

However, although Dr. Saoud did not lay out the exact roles the proposed committee would play in enforcing strict limits in numbers and student admissions of university departments per specialty field, due to the still unfinalised nature of the committee, this, for him, was "the most significant aspect" of its task.

Throughout the previous year, Dr. Saoud has repeatedly stated that stern measures were needed to curb overflows of graduates in cer-

tain specialties where current job market openings are scant or nonexistent. He also stressed the need to boost the number of faculties and studeots enrolled in other specialties which are undermanable to the Council of Higher , ned in the Kingdom - and that Jordan's bigher education sector must face the tough realities of the tight local job market and its

> Experts bave often noted that while unemployed graduates abound in some specialties, notable among them engineering and business administration, mediumlevel professional technicians and specialists, as well as skilled tradespeople, are badly needed by employers but often difficult to find.

> Such experts bave pointed to this poor conformity of university graduates to the actual demands of the labour market, as playing a substantial hand in Jordan's soaring unemployment rate - over 18 per cent as of 1993, according to Ministry of Labour statistics.

"We will have two future goals," said Dr. Saoud: "To insure that all students who do enter Jordanian universities have good scores on the tawjihi, and to oblige other studeots" who choose to study, in Jordan "to enter programmes such as applied professional studies in the community colleges."

Thus, he boped, the coming classes of university and college graduates would be brought into greater conformity with the actual demands of the Kingdom's job

Meanwhile, Dr. Saoud said that greater attention to thorough evaluation of university programmes by the new accreditation committee would bring Jordan's higher education community more in line with international standards and policies at large. "In other countries, they are much tougher on their public universities than we are here," he noted.

As well, the committee's work would most likely involve the participation of "international experts from other Arab and foreign countries" to give their input into the evaluation programmes initiatied by the committee, and into any final decisions taken by the committee on granting or withbolding accreditation to individual university faculties.

# Qaqish leaves today to take up post in Iraq

### New envoy: ties with Irac, Gulf not mutually exclusive

By Samir Barboum Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan's newly-appointed ambassador to Iraq, Bassam Qaqish, has underlined that Jordan's pursuit to improve relations with Arab Gulf countries would in no way affect its good relations

with Iraq. Mr. Qaqish, wbo is leaving for Baghdad today to assume his post, said Jordan's relations with any single country would not affect its relations with any other country.

"Jordan's relations with Iraq, the Gulf countries or other Arah countries are not influenced by its relations with any Arab country," said Mr. Qaqish, a former minister of water and irrigation and inspector general of the Armed

"Jordan deals with Arab countries on the same footing and in accordance with international principles. In addition, these relations are governed by brotherly and historical ties," Mr. Qaqish said.

He emphasised that Jordan, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, has always been the first to underline the need to preserve good relations among Arab countries. Mr. Qaqisb emphasised

that the Kingdom's call to end the sanctions imposed on Iraq since its invasion of Knwait in August 1990 was

not based on purely economic reasons, but rather on bumanitarian and cultural

reasons. "The sanctions are not only preventing the entry of material to the country, but have led to other negarive consequences, even in cultural fields." he said. expressing optimism that the sanctions would be lifted soon.

"By nature I am optimistic, and no doubt the siege will be eventually lifted. It is just a matter of time because really, the suffering of the Iraqi people is great; besides the sanctions are affecting Jordan as

well," he said. The ambassador voiced hope that the sanctions will be lifted, saying there were significant indications that the way Iraq is viewed at the regional and international levels is different from the way it was one or two years ago, especially after Iraq recognised its borders with Kuwait.

U.N. to decide whether Iraq is in compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions issued during and after the Gulf crisis. Mr. Qaqisb welcomed initianives, taken by France and some Arab countries to partially lift the sanctions.

He said it was up to the

These initiatives. whether taken by France or the United Arab Emirates, call for optimism that the sanctions will end soon," he said. "Ultimately neither we nor the international community nor any buman being condones keeping a whole people under siege.

France last week decided to open an interests section at the Romanian embassy in Baghdad amid protests by the United States and Britain. Meanwhile, UAE officials were urging Kuwait to ease the suffering of the Iraqi people.

Iraqi Depnty Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz said in New York earlier this month that he expected the sanctions to be partially lifted within a period of two months.

Jordan, Mr. Oagish said. implements the resolutions as any other country, although it is one of the countries most affected by them.

The lifting of the sanc-tions regime will certainly have positive effects on the Jordanian and Iraqi economies, particularly since the Gulf of Aqaha has been the only port permitted to take in materials allowed hy the sanctions for transport to Iraq, Mr. Qaqish said.

"Jordan has always called for discussing the issne logically to come up with comprehensive solutions, not partial ones, to emphasise good neighbourly relations and good inter-Arab. Arab-Islamic and Arabinternational relations," Mr. Qaqish asserted.

"Jordan, under the leadership of His Majesty, is known for being the first on



Bassam Qaqish

more than one occasion to call for the use of reason not force, and dialogue not violence," the ambassador

He expressed confidence that all of the region's countries, including Iraq, will be included in any new regional order resulting from the Middle East peace process, saying King Hus-sein and his Royal Highness Crnwn Prince Hassan have always reiterated that all the region's countries will be partners in actively contributing to planning and organising such an

Saying he feels "hnn-oured" to be chosen for the post, Mr. Qaqish said he was eager to assume his dunes in Baghdad.

Mr. Qaqish, a former army officer and minister of water and irrigation, said be expected full cooperation from the Iraqi government.

Mr. Qaqisb will succeed Nasouh Al' Majali, who will be serving as the Kingdom's

## **Proposed national company** to search for oil, gas

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources has finalised plans to establish a national oil and natural gas exploration company as well as a mining company in the Azraq region to search for other minerals, according to Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Samih

In a statement to the press Sunday, Mr. Darwazeh said the two companies are expected to be set up in three to

Although optimistic about finding commercially feasible amounts of natural gas in various parts of the country, the minister said that searches conducted so far have come np with only 15 per cent

of the Kingdom's needs. The national company will either conduct its own explorations or work in conjunctioo with oil firms, the minister said, adding that the company will be wbolly owned by the state in the initial stages, but later the private sector could be invited to purchase shares.

Referring to electric power, he said that the Kingdom was expected to witness significant growth in industry and a major increase in electricity consumption rates.

## Britain to help Jordan combat drug trafficking

AMMAN (Petra) — The head of the international assistance branch at the British Customs and Excise Department, now on a visit to Jordan, Sunday expressed his country's readiness to provide technical assistance to the Public Security Department (PSD) to help it comhat drug trafficking.

Tom Matthews, who started a visit to the Kingdom Saturday, was speaking to PSD Director General Lieutenant General Abdul Rahman Udwan with whom be discussed prospects for mutual cooperation in curtailing drug trafficking operations in the region.

Mr. Matthews was quoted as saying that his talks in Jordan would give the way for British assistance to the

He said the British customs department bopes to lay the foundation for close cooperation with the PSD in stemming smuggling, particularly drug trafficking. For his part Lt. Gen. Udwan said that the King-

dom does not have a problem

with drug addiction, and the number of addicts are few.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

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THIRD JORDANIAN DRAMA FESTIVAL ☆ Plays (in Arabic) entitled "Jazirat Al Ma'iz' (The Gost Island) and another one entitled "Khyar Kardabek" respectively at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

☆ Exhibition of Children's works (from Haya Centre drawing and painting classes) at Goethe Institute.

\* Exhibition of works by Iraqi artist Fakhir Mnhammad at the Ab'ad Art

# State universities assign 10% enrolment to non-Jordanians

AMMAN (Petra) — Ten per cent of the total number of seats at Jordanian state universities have been assigned for non-Jordanian students for the 1994-1995 academic year, according to the direc-tor of the Ministry of Higher Education's Non-Jordanian Students Department, Mobammad Kharabsheh.

Mr. Kharahsheh said.

1,000 students from Arab and Islamic countries were enrolled this year, raising to 4,361 the total number of non-Jordanian students now attending state universities.

Of the total, 1,100 are from Malaysia and 1,453 are from Palestine, Mr. Kharabsheh

Non-Jordanian Arab and

at all major universities in the Kingdom.

According to Mr. Kharabsbeh, the atmosphere of stability and security in Jordan and the certificate/diploma equivalency agreements attract students from various parts of the Arab and Muslim

### CONCERT

☆ Concert by Spanish jazz planist Tele
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\* Film entitled "The Life of Leonardo Da

Vinci (Part III) (with commentary in Arabic by Dr. Khalid Khreis) at Darat Al Funun at 5:30 p.m.

### **LECTURES**

Association of Jordanian Writers at 5:30

Archaelogy Centre at 7:00 p.m.

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
— President Bill Clinton, seeking to rally his Democratic Party after its rout last fall. called Saturday for cooperation with Republicans as the party reorganises to plan for the 1996 elections.

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Paraphrasing Mark Twain. the president quipped: "Reports of our demise are prem-

But Mr. Clinton said the Democrats should follow a strategy of working with the new majority where possible, while highlighting differences on matters of principle. There are many areas in

which we can find agreement. We must be big enough to seek those areas," Mr. Clinton said at a meeting of the Democratic National Committee to install its new lead-

Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut was sworn in as general chairman of the party while Don Fowler was named national chairman under a new structure proposed by Mr. Clinton.

The new hierarchy, similar to that used by Republicans, gives the Democrats a prom-inent, articulate national spokesman while leaving Mr. Fowler in charge of day-to-day management of the par-

ty.
"He (Dodd) is not afraid to Mr. Clinton said. Mr. Dodd said meanwhile that the party must not dwell on its mistakes, which resulted in the election land-

BEUING (AFP) - China

slide Nov. 8 that gave Republicans control of both houses of Congress for the first time in

"The wake is over," Mr. Dodd said. "The period of mourning is behind us." Under the new political

respondents helieved Mr.

Clinton should cooperate with the new majority in Congress, while 35 per cent

said he should fight for

Democratic positions.
While Mr. Clinton called

for cooperation, he suggested

"I don't believe govern-ment is inherently bad," he

Mr. Clinton and the newly

reorganised party have nearly two years before the 1996 elections to reverse the par-

ty's fortunes in its bid to

regain a congressional major-ity and maintain the White

This is a tall order, even

though polls have shown a slight rise in Mr. Clinton's

popularity despite his low

profile in recent weeks.

this would have limits.

Clinton claims he is moving, the Democratic Party is a landscape, the Republicans liberal party in the United are expected to seek deep States. Clinton is not even in cuts in social programmes in the hallgame if he cannot a bid to reduce the size of hold down his hase," said Stephen Hess, a presidency vernment, in some cases dismantling programmes scholar with the Brookings built up by Democratic administrations since the 1930s. Institution. A poll released Saturday by U.S. News and World Report showed 54 per cent of

Quayle fit for nomination

with this new strategy.

base among liberals.

But analysts say the choice

of Mr. Dodd may be a smart

one by solidifying the party's

"No matter where Bill

Meanwhile, in Indianapolis former Vice President Dan Quayle said Saturday he expects to become a formal candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in mid-April, and despite two recent stays in hospital is in top health for the fight.

"In the coming weeks... I will be making some impor-tant decisions about the future... hut I do want you to know this: My doctors told me 'you can go wherever you wani, you can do whatever you want and you can say whatever you want'," he said in remarks prepared for de-"My friends, I am back in

the arena - and that's where I'm going to stay."

Before his speech, Mr. Quayle released a hrief statement saying he planned to file a declaration of his can-didacy with the Federal Elec-

### Although Mr. Clinton is trying to portray himself as a moderate, Mr. Dodd is cleartion Commission by Feb. 21 ly from the liberal wing of the China, Taiwan open Mandela

and Taiwan began five days of talks here Sunday aimed at by Taiwanese artillery of a Chinese village in Fujian proreaching agreements on repatriating mainland plane hivince, south-east China, injackers and settling differ-ences over fishing and illegal juring four people. immigration. The latest round between

the two semi-official front organisations - China's Association for Relations across the China Strait (ARATS) and Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) - include three days of high-level talks between the movements' respective vice-presidents Tang Shubei

and Chiao Jen-ho. It is the seventh meeting of the two organisations since historic April 1993 sum Tang visited Taiwan in Au-

gust last year. "Despite our political differences I bope we can reach an agreement on the main points," Mr. Tang told reporters before the talks began in the Dianyutai guest house in

the west of the capital. "In 1994 we were able to overcome difficulties and have kept up a dialogue between our two associations." he said in an oblique reference to several incidents which have marred Sino-

Taiwanese relations. The most serious were the murder of 24 Taiwanese on a pleasure boat on Lake Oian-

LOS ANGELES (R) --Hollywood kicked off its

movie award season Satur-

day with the Hollywood

Foreign Press Association's

Golden Globes presenta-

tion, and the film "Forrest

Gump" took the top three

Tom Hanks, one of the

more acclaimed actors in

recent years who won an

Oscar last year for his role

as the AIDS-afflicted

was voted movie actor of

the year for his starring role

Robert Zemeckis won

best director for the film

and "Gump," produced hy

Paramount Pictures, was

also voted best film of the

In doing so he beat out Quentin Tarantino, who

directed the psychodrama

"Pulp Fiction," and had

been widely touted for an

Oscar over his Miramax

oroduction about Los

Angeles' crime underworld.

Tarantino took consolation

in winning the best screen-

But "gump" was the

clear winner of the evening.

Mr. Hanks beat out John

Travolta for the best actor

award, despite the latter's

lawyer in "Philadelphia."

honours.

in "Gump."

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### new round of talks dao, east China, in March and the November bombing

The presence of Taiwan's vice-premier Hsu Li-teh at the Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan în October, also angered the Chinese Taiwan's offensive to step

up its semi-diplomatic exchanges with foreign countries bas also irritated the eommnnist regime which sharply condemned the U.S. decision to increase the level of relations with Taipei.

Beijing is also concerned about the growing independence movement in Taipei which it believes could con reunification.

cause the negotiations raise

defeated the nationalists and

drove them off the mainland. Between April 1993 and August 1994 Chinese nationals hijacked 16 planes to Taiwan. All were arrested, but Taiwan refused to seed them back to China after their trials, insisting that they serve out their prison terms

in Golden Globe awards

powerful performance in "Pulp Fiction." "Gump"

was also voted best movie

nominated for six Golden Globes and "Forrest

Gump" for seven.

"Pulp Fiction" had been

The other three-award

winner was Disney's "The

Lion King," which took honours for best musical or

comedy film, best original

score and best original

Golden Globe for best ac-

tress for her role as the

"Blue Sky," beating out

such luminaries as Jodie

Foster, nominated for

"Nell," and Meryl Streep,

who got the nod for "The

British actor Hugh Grant

took the award for best

actor in a musical or com-

edy picture for his madcap

role in "Four Weddings and

a Funeral" and was joined

on the honours list by fel-

low countrywoman Miran-

da Richardson. Ms.

Richardson got a Golden

Globe for best supporting

actress in a TV series or

made-for-T.V. movie for

"Fatherland," which aired

on HBO, Home Broadcast-

River Wild."

Jessica Lange won the

of the year.

# to visit

dela said in a recent interview with the Hindn newspaper. It is in this spirit that I am going there."

Mr. Mandela, who will ardemocratic constitution.

The South African leader, wbo was last in India in October 1990, will also visit parlia-India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, speak to Indian industrialists and sign a number of general cooperation agreements between India and South Africa.

the historic bonds hetween. the two countries," said-Anand Sharma, chairman of the Indian-South African Friendship Association. "It is of great emotional significance for India and its peo-

ing Operation.
Edward James Olmos

took the Globe as best sup-

porting actor in the same

category for his role in

"The Burning Season," ab-

out the destruction of the

South American rain

suave hero of the TV series

"Mission Impossible." won

for best supporting actor in

a motion picture for his role

as veteran horror film star

Bela Lugosi in "Ed wood."

no butterflies in his stomach

thinking that his Golden

Globe might lead to an

Oscar nomination, and ulti-

mately an Academy

"The film was made

some time ago. There's no-

thing I can do about it now,

It would nice to win an

Oscar but the Golden

Globe is also nice, I just

hope enough people saw and enjoyed the film.

That's where the real satis-

faction in acting comes

The Hollywood Foreign

Press Association differs

from the Academy Awards

by honouring television as

well as movies, and nomi-

nating films in both drama

from," be said.

Award.

Mr. Landau said he had

Martin Landau, once the



# Grim day's work in Kobe for crew digging out collapsed apartment

wind was chilly, the sky was threatening, and the work was grim and dirty.

In the earthquake-ravaged centre of Kobe, what had been a nondescript sevenstory apartment house was reduced to a pile of rubble. Somewhere under tonnes of cement and steel were a

dozen people. Workers hoped to find them alive but knew the odds were with In two days of arduous digging, 15 people had been

puiled out - only five of them alive. The situation is terrible, and it's going to get worse," said a crewman, a member of the self-defence forces, one

of thousands of troops dis-

patched to the scene of Tuesday's devastating quake.
"We're doing all we can. and we hope that there'll he more cases like the little boy we rescued last night." he

That little boy was one of the few hight spots in a bleak landscape. His name was Shinsuke Yamada, Nine years old, he was rescued nearly 60 hours after the

KOBE, Japan (AP) - The to his hands and face, but he was hospitalised in good condition. His mother was not so lucky. Rescue workers pulled her hody from the rubble. His father was rescued alive.

The apartment house where they lived was huilt soon after the war. When standing, it housed a store on the ground floor, offices on the second, and 21 apart-

Part of the building caught fire Tuesday following the quake, so the rescue effort did not get under way in earnest until the following day.

The apartment house's owner, Yoshiaki Yamaguchi, had heen there every day since the quake, watching the workers dig.
"It's awful," he said.

Four large cranes were being used to lift the rubble piece hy piece, so as not to crush anyone pinned beneath. The cranes' pincers seized chunks of reinforced concrete and refrigerators.

As the rescuers dug, they occasionally came across valuables such as documents or jewelry. They would carry them carefully into a small lot designated as a morgue area He suffered some injuries for family members to daim.

Aya Koizumi, 20, went to high school with one of those trapped inside. She came to watch and pray.

"I hope he's still alive," she said. "There's still a chance they can save him. Shohei Kamata was a college classmate of one of those huried in the huilding. He was living in another part of Japan when the quake hit hut hurried home to check on friends and family.

"I saw lots of coverage of the earthquake on TV, so I've gotten used to the terrible scenes, but still it's a shock to see the actual thing," he said.

bour who is a mechanical engineer, patronises a dentist who had an office in huilding. "If the quake had been two hours later, he would have been under that rubble," Mr. Saito said, adding that the dentist usually arrived for

Yoshikazu Saito, a neigh-

At mid-morning, there was a ripple of activity. The workers had found something. The heavy equipment was

work at 7 a.m.

called off. Army and police rescue workers moved in with

Forty minutes later, they brought out what turned out to be the first of three bodies. Relatives standing hy were

red-eyed and tearful. Anger, exhaustion and frustration were beginning to take their When the bodies were found, tensions boiled over. Four young men, relatives

of some of those trapped,

became furious when they

saw news photographers taking pictures of the dead heing pulled from the rubble. They attacked two AP photographers, kicking one and hreaking the cameras of

"How can you take pic-tures of our dead while we're suffering?" they shouted. The workers did what they

could to shield the privacy of the dead. While some pulled out bodies, others beld up blankets to block the view of bystanders.

The workers took the bodies to a makeshift morgue, a little empty lot with buildings on both sides with a blanket hung across it so people couldn't look inside.

shovels and pickaxes. They To one side of the entry-dug with those, and with their way lay a bunch of flowers.

# extended; military eases goods embargo

emhargo against the war-toru north, officials said.

"It (the truce) is still holding. We have no problems

into effect two weeks ago. had been largely respected despite dozens of minor violations by rebels from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), military offi-

planned only for a 14-day trial period under an accord signed earlier this month by President Chandrika Kumaratunga and Velupillai Prahhakaran, head of the LTTE, after a second round of peace negotiations in the LTTE stronghold of northern

But following a third round of talks just over a week ago, both sides agreed to extend the truce on an open-ended hasis, although ongoing negotiations have so far failed to broach substantive

The LTTE has insisted that crucial political talks could start only when a rehabilitation and reconstruction programme for the war-torn northeast was finalised and a military camp in the north was dismantled.

said that the northern Pooneryn camp would not be removed, but would be pulled hack from a key land route in the region.

Meanwhile, the military partially lifted an emhargo banning specific goods from being exported to and imported from the LTTE-held

Transit hans were lifted on 12 items - short of the 20 agreed to by the government delegation at the last round

The latest items exempted include printing machines. toy guns and electrical wires, electric and electronic equipment, printing machines. gold, chemicals and motor

spare parts. Some 50 goods are still banned from the northern areas that came under military siege.

Ms. Kumaratunga partially lifted the economic embargo after leading her People's Alliance to victory at the August parliamentary elections in a bid to open a dialogue with the LTTE to try and speed up the peace process

Among the items removed at that time were all medicines, food, sanitary napkins and kerosene oil. The government remains

undecided on whether to lift five other items including remote-control devices, hinoculars, telescopes and compasses. Meanwhile on Sunday, Sri Lanka's influential Buddhist

clergy condemned an overnight visit here hy Pope John Paul II and said the pontiff's Asia-Pacific tour was an "extension of Catholic imperial-A Buddbist lobby described as a "total success" their boycott of the Pope's visit here Saturday marking the final leg of an 11-day tour that also took him to the

Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Australia. "We could have attended an inter-religious meeting with the Pope only if be made the Buddhist world." a spokesman for the Federation of Buddhist Organisations (FBO), Bengamuwe

Nalaka said. Mr. Nalaka, a Buddhist monk in the forefront of protests against the Pope's best selling book, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, said the Roman Catholic church in Sri Lanka bad "insulted" Buddhists by not extracting an apology from the Pope.

### italian police grab 13 million fake doilars

MILAN, Italy (R) — Italian police said on Saturday they seized fake U.S. dollar bills totalling \$13 million and arrested five people. A police spokesman said four of those arrested had been caught redhanded printing money in a high-tech plant on the out-skirts of Milan. Investigators believe the fake dollars were destined for Eastern Europe.

### Police arrest italian Mafia fugitive RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) -

A Mafia fugitive convicted of killing two Italian police officers 19 years ago has been arrested, police said Satur-day. Giuseppe Santangelo, 35, was captured by federal police Friday in Sao Roque, about 48 kilometres west of Sao Paolo. Mr. Santangelo fied Italy after being semenced to 18 years in prison for the 1976 slayings of two members of Italy's paramilitary police force near Trapani, Sicily. Proseentora had claimed the killings were ordered by the Maña in retaliation for police crack-downs. The anti-Mafia unit of the paramilitary force, the Carabinieri, led the search for Santangelo after he fled Italy. Brazilian police also accused Santangelo of leading a vast money laundering operation in Sao Paolo. No date for extradition was immediately set.

### Snow scooter **owners** protest against environmentalists JUKKASJAERVI, Sweden

(AFP) - Snow scooter owners staged a demonstration Saturday in this far northern Swedish town to protest against efforts by environ-mentalists to have restrictions imposed on the vehicles. The ecology lobby claims that the noisy two-stroke scooters frighten wildlife and have particularly toxic exhausts. They reckon that a modern car would have to be driven for 25 million kilometres before it clocked up as much exhaust gas as 1,000 scooters would do if they were run for just one hour. There are around 150,000 snow scooters in Sweden. The latest models are very light, easy to manocuvre, comfortable, fast and fun to drive, according to enthusiasts. One owner dmitted that the fun factor had led to "a few excesses at nature's expense." Scooter owners' association chairman Goeran Dahlstroem said his organisation preferred self-regulation and was drawing up a code of conduct for scooter owners.

### student suspended for wearing star of David

wore the star of David be-

cause it made him feel diffe-

rent. School officials told him it made him look like a gang member. "The principal said, aince you're not Jewish, you're not allowed to wear it'," said Ron Vaughn, a 15year-old freshman at Mendon High School. "But he told me I could wear a cross if I wanted to." Administrators told him the star of David is being used as a symbol by some gangs, Vanghn said. He was suspended for two days for refusing to take off the gold-plated, six-pointed star. Vaughn said the star "made me feel different from the good many the star that the s crowd, more like a leader than a follower." Officials of the 730-student school district near Kalamazoo would not comment. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) asked the school to remove last month's suspension from Vaughn's record or he sued. Last year, the ACLU lost a lawsuit against another Michigan school district that suspended a 12year-old for wearing a Chicago White Sox jacket it said was gang-related. China attempts to

# control lotteries

BELING (R) — China has passed two directives in an attempt to control a flood of lotteries worth more than \$160 million, the China Daily said Sunday. The two directives, making lottenes a state monopoly and giving state organisations detailed powers over them, were passed last month after concern m the state council (cabinet) over the extent of non-state lotteries, it said.

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# of economic news No capital gain tax'

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### promise efforts for peaceful mit in Singapore between their presidents Wang Sunday's talks began in a Daoban and Koo Chen-fu and the third meeting since relaxed atmosphere. But all previous rounds have failed to reach any agreement be-

the thoruy issue of legal sovereignty. Beijing has viewed Taiwan as a renegade province since the end of the 1949 civil war when Chinese communists

# India

NEW DELHI (R) — South African President Nelson Mandela this week makes his first state visit to India, a nation linked to the apartheid struggle through its founding father Mahatma Gandhi.

"Our victory is the victory of India as well," Mr. Man-

rive Tuesday, will be guest of bonour at India's Republic Day celebrations Jan. 26, when it stages a major military and civil parade to mark the day India launched its

ment and unveil a statue to He will meet Indian Prime

"The visit will consolidate

# Rescuers begin clearing snow near Kashmir tunnel

JAMMU, India (R) - Indian anthorities began clearing three-metre deep snow near a highaltitude tunnel Sunday after avalanches closed a key Kashmir highway last week. trapping thousands of motor-

ists and travellers.

The road — which links Jammu, the winter capital of the northermost Jammu and Kashmir state, with Srinagar, the summer capital — re-mained blocked for the

seventh day after India's worst avalanche disaster. More than 5,000 people were rescued after falling rocks and snow pushed vehicles off the strategic Himalayan 290 kilometre highway.

Police said about 110 people were killed by the avalanches, but authorities in New Delhi bave confirmed only 50 deaths. Unconfirmed reports say 250 may have been killed. Officials said it would take a week to shovel off the snow

hut could take longer depending on weather condi-Angry citizens voiced concern about what they said was the government's lack of

foresight. "The government is re-sponsible." Tafiq Sadiq, Sri-

nagar district chief of India's

ruling Congress Party, told Reuters by telephone.

# Forrest Gump leads pack 🦠

Tom Hanks

and musical or comedy categories.

On the television side, Claire Danes won for best actress in a television drama series for her role in "My So-Called Life." while De-

nnis Franz won for best

actor in the same category for his portrayal as the cynical detective in "Nypd

The best relevision series drama award went to "The X-Files," scen on the Fox television network.

# Sri Lankan truce

COLOMBO (AFP) — Sri Lankan troops and Tamil guerrillas extended a truce that had been due to expire at midnight Saturday, as the military further eased a goods

with that. As long as they observe it, we too will re-ciprocate," said a military spokesman here. The ceasefire, which came

The truce was originally

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Defence authorities have

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# Non-Jewish MENDON, Michigan (AP) — A high school student

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### Bosnia truce holds; big powers pursue peace mission SARAJEVO (R) - Bosnia's tended to pursue its peace sult with their respective wanted the U.N. force nur

three-week-old ceasefire appeared firm Sunday as a U.S. envoy shuttled between Sarajevo and the Bosnian Serh stronghold of Pale to revive talks on ending a 33month war

A United Nations spokesman in Sarajevo said Bosnia was quiet during the past 24 hours apart from a handful of truce violations which the U.N. did nnt categorise as

U.S. mediator Charles Thomas, a member of fivenatinn hig power "contact group" set up last year to etch out a political settlement in Bosnia, discussed the group's latest initiatives over hreakfast with the outgoing U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose.

Mr. Thomas said after meeting leaders of Bosnia's Muslim-led government Saturday evening that the group - comprising the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany - inplan for Bosnia drawn up last

The four other contact group envoys were expected to join Mr. Thomas in Sarajevo Monday.

"We had a chance to discuss the contact group peace plan, which we stick to. We had a very helpful exchange nf views," Mr. Thomas said. Mr. Thomas went into talks on Sunday with Bosnian

Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and other Serb nfficials. The contact group aimed tn take advantage of the latest Bosnia truce which came into effect over the new year after a peace missinn hy former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

The Bosnia peace process has been made nn easier hy Croatian President Franjo Tudiman's decision in end the U.N.'s peacekeeping

mandate in his country.

Mr. Tudjman told the German news weekly Der Spiegel his government

and his army stood ready tn recover by force the third of Crossia's territory seized by Serbs in Zagreb's 1991 war of secession from farmer

Yugoslavia. U.N. chiefs and Western governments fear renewed war in Ctoatia which could turn end any hope of peace in

Mr. Rose, who passes the U.N. command haton to British Major-General Rupert Smith Tuesday, has said the Bosnia ceasefire process was m danger nf losing momentum as the Bosnian government and Serb forces dragged their feet over making good pledges they agreed in the new year truce pact.

Bosnian government and Serb negotiators resume talks Sunday on reopening civilian routes in and nut of Sarajevo, nne nf the key planks of the ceasefire accord.

They broke up a meeting on Friday withnut deciding anything so they could con-

northeast Bosnia on Saturleadership. But they told us

Mr. Coward also reported several firing incidents near the southern city of Mostar and Vitez in central Bosnia and said there had also been scattered shanting in Sarajevo hut nonewas classed

25 serinus. Busnian government furces clashed spotadically with Busnian Serhs, Crnatian Serbs and allied rehel Muslim forces in the Bihac pocket hut the intensity of the fighting had slackened off since last

Thursday.
The U.N. said there were eight artillery explosions and 18 small arms incidents west nf Bihac town, a U.N. "safe area," in the early hours of Sunday morning. U.N. mnnitors registered 50 artillery hlasts near Velikaa Kladusa, north nf Bihac.

"It seems we've reached a plateau in terms of fighting in the Kladusa reginn... we natice an changes in con-frontation lines," Mr. Cc-

# Protestants warn of giving Dublin a role in future of N. Ireland

Ireland's higgest pro-British Protestant Party angrily accused British and Irish officials late Saturday of hatching plans to give Duhlin an intrusive role in the future of

the British-ruled province. Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) leader James Mnlyneaux said the proposals would lead to chaos in the British province and he signailed that he and other Protestant MPs would attempt to topple the British government if London proceeded with them.

Mr. Molyneaux alleged that Prime Minister John Major's conservative cabinet in London would be asked to approve plans for British-Irish "joint authority" over Northern Ireland, a suggestion Protestants have always felt could be the upshot of cur-

rent talks to cement peace after a 25-year guerrilla war. But Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew said on Saturday night he could assure the people of Northen Ireland there was "no question" of the British and Irish governments exauthority over

the affairs of the province.
The majority Protestant population, staunchly protec-tive of its 300-year-old links with the British crown, believe any move to give Dublin a say in the government of Northern Ireland would automatically dilute its nnion with Britain and pave the way for their worst nightmare, a

united Ireland. Mr. Molyneaux, whose party saved Mr. Major from an emharrassing defeat in an important parliamentary vote on European Union fisheries policy on Wednesday, said unionists would end their support for the delicately balanced government in the House of Commons (lower house) if it proposed measures clearly against the in-

BELFAST (R) - Northern . terests of a majority in the

prnyince. Parliament itself would be very much aware of the pitfalls in what was being proposed, that's why I think that the ministers ... of the cabinet, would be very unlikely to accept something which would be plainly not just ludicrous hut destructive of the principles of democracy," he told BBC radio.

Mr. Major has come tn rely heavily on the UUP to bolster his fragile position in the House of Communs, especially as his ruling conservatives are now technically in a minority.

Mr. Majnr's paper major-ity of 13 was wiped out last month when he expelled nine conservatives from the Parliamentary Party as punishment for defying him in a vote of confidence over Europe.

Mr. Molyneaux suggested Northern Ireland's political leaders should be given a "vetting" role on the proposals to point out "the sheer unworkability of so many of these exotic devices."

In September, Irish Republican Army guerrillas called an end to their campaign of violence to force Britain out of Northern Ireland and to merge the province with the predominantly Catholic Republic of Ireland. Protestant guerrillas, fighing to preserve British rule, matched the ceasefire six weeks later.

Political representatives of the rival guerrilla groups are in exploratory talks with the British government.

But in a parallel move, Britain and Ireland have been working on a so-called "framework document" that they will propose to all Protestant and Catholic politicians aimed at netting a final settlement of the province's political problems.

# S. African parliament to meet after political row

they said they were not opti-

mistic about getting an agree-ment," a U.N. source said.

But while Bosnian Serbs

stonewall on that part of the

agreement, arguing over

what type nf vehicles should

be let into Sarajevo, the ceas-

efire princess received a

much-needed boost Friday in

The Bosnian government exchanged 49 Serb prisoners

for 49 Muslims held by their

rivals since the summer in an

operation that went nff with-

Despite occasional heavy

fighting in the northwest

Muslim enclave nf Bihac over

the past three weeks, Bos-

nia's ceasefire appeared to be

the most successful so far,

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U.N. military spokesman Lieutenant-Colnnel Gary Co-

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a major prisoner swap.

CAPE TOWN (R) - South Africa's parliament starts its 1995 pringramme Monday with President Nelson Mandela and white Deputy President F.W. de Klerk promising "a fresh start" after a bitter slanging match.

Mr. Mandela and Mr. de Klerek made peace at private talks Friday. Political analysts said, however, their worst row since South Africa's democracy elections last April had highlighted the fragility of their post-apartheid coalition.

Mr. de Klerk was South africa's last white president and still leads the National Party (NP), the main coalition partner of Mr. Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) which won the

Conservative Afrikaans newspaper editor Ebbe Domissee said the row over an alleged secret attempt by Mr. de Klerk's NP to grant immunity for 3,500 police and two former cabinet ministers for apartheid crimes had battered the NP's

"Nothing has done the process of reconciliation in South Africa so much harm as the past week's row over indemnity," he said in a regular political column.

Cape Tnwn professor of political studies Ruhert Schrire said the row had been costly to both the men whn shared a Nnbel Peace Prize for the smooth transition from white rule under Mr. de Klerk to a hlack-led democratic government under Mr. Mandela.

Mr. Schrire said the president' reputation had been damaged hy the row. He cited reports, which have not been denied by the govern-ment, that Mr. Mandelia re-jected Mr. de Klerk's comments to the cabinet Wednesday and subjected him to an

eight-minute tongue-lashing. "De Klerk looked weak... Mandela looked arrogant and intemperate. His sainty halo has slipped somewhat across his hrow.

"But the lesson has become salutory, especially for investors and the stock market in recognising how rocky the road to reconciliation really is and how fragile the process of reconstruction," Mr. Schrire

Prices on the Johannesburg stock exchange plunged on Thursday after Mr. de Klerk said he had been insulted hy Mr. Mandela and hinted that he might pull out of the postapartheid government of national unity.

Stability returned after the

Berlusconi offers truce

twn men addressed a jnini news conference Friday and

said they had made peace. Liberal Sunday Times edi-tor Ken Owen said in a commentary that Mr. de Klerk. battling in accept that power had passed frnm his nwn hands into Mr. Mandela's, had tried to play his last card with the threat to pull out of the coalitinn.

"The coalition was restored, not because the hreach between the Iwn men was healed, but because the alternative, for both sides, was too ghastly to contem-

plate.
"...lf Mr. de Klerk again flashes his last card, 1 suspect Mr. Mandela will accept it," Mr. Owen said,

Speaker of parliament rrene Ginwala said the 1995 session would start with a dehate on the immunity con-

But the 400-member national assembly will not have any authority to tesolve the dispute, which has been referred to the justice, police and defence ministries for a recommendation.

Parliament's legislative programme has been delayed until Fehruary to allow members a month in which to focus on their parallel role as constitution-makers.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

### Thousands attend French bishop's last mass

EVREUX, France (AFP) -Tens of thousands of people gathered in this Normandy city Sunday to hear a farewell mass hy its Catholic Bishop Monsignor Jacques Gaillot, sacked by the Vatican for his unorthodox views.

Estimates said hetween 25,000 and 50,000 worshippers — and more than 200 print and hroadcast journalists - were likely to turn out for the mass by the controversial prelate, whose dismissal has sparked natinnwide condemnation of the Holy See.

Bishop Gaillot has condemned the Vatican decision. and has pledged to continue his campaigns for various social issues.

A committee set up hy his supporters said some 300 coaches had been hired for the occasion, while trainloads of supporters of the bishop, sacked Jan. 13, were also expected.

His last mass, delivered in the city's cathedral, was due to be hroadcast live over loudspeakers across the city.

Bishop Gaillot, 59, upset the Catholic hierarchy by. among other things, giving interviews to French girtie magazine Lui and a magazine for homosexuals, Gay-Pied.

The Vatican said he consistently failed to heed warnings about his behaviour and opinions, which include unorthodox views on artificial contraception and abortion, both considered sinful under mainstream Catholic teaching.

Meanwhile a support group said it was going ahead with a plan for a march on Paris to protest the Vatican decision. The march is due to leave Evreux Monday and pass through 13 towns before reaching Paris Feh. 4.

Berlusconi had earlier said he would withhold support in parliament for Mr. Dini without a promise for elections in Armenian government holds emergency session

ROME (AP) — Italy's former premier offered a political

truce Saturday hy hacking off demands for a firm election date by his successor, who now appears likely to win a

confidence vote in parliament. Ex-premier Silvio Berlusco-

ni denied he has "an obsession with elections" and

indicated that he would support elections in "a reasonable

time." The statement is more flexible than Mr. Berlusco-

ni's earlier demands and could seal Premier Lamberto

Dini's victory in a parliamentary vote expected this week

on Italy's 54th government since World War II. Mr.

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) — The government met in emergency session after a natural gas pipeline that is Armenia's only source of energy was reported blown up in Georgia on Saturday. The hlast in southern Georgia destroyed a 200-metre section of the pipeline hringing gas from Turkmenistan, the government press service said in Yerevan. No further details were available. Georgia agreed to divert within days some of its own gas supplies from Turkmenistan to a reserve pipeline leading into Armenia, the Press Service said. The main pipeline has been bombed repeatedly in attacks presumed to be related to Armenia's six-year-old war with Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave. Fuel shortages have forced Yerevan residents to cut down virtually all the trees in the city of 1.2

million to heat their homes. Armenia is one of the poorest

ex-Soviet republics, partly because of economic blockades

### 22 dead in Mexico truck accident

imposed by Azerbaijan.

MEXICO CITY (AFP) — Twenty-two people were killed and 10 others seriously injured when a truck carrying people returning from a religious pilgrimage plunged off cliff and fell 200 metres, a local official said Saturday. The accident took place late Friday in the southern state of Oaxaca on the Oaxaca-Puerto Escondido highway, the official told AFP. "People were packed in like sardines" in the cargo truck, which was carrying 32 people returning from a religious festival in Oaxaca, the official said. The victims were from the central state of Pueola and had travelled to Oaxaca to visit a shrine to the Virgin Mary.

### **Earthquake rocks Kuriles**

MOSCOW (R) — An earthquake measuring five to six on the Richter scale shook buildings on the remote Kurile Islands in Russia's far east late on Saturday, a spokesman for the emergencies ministry said Sunday. The earthquake. which rocked the islands just before midnight, had its epicentre in the Pacific Ocean, 80 kilometres south-east of the Russian town of Yuzhno-Kurilsk. There were no reports of casualties or damage, the spokesman said. The Kuriles, disputed between Russia and Japan, were devastated by a powerful earthquake last year. They are more than 1.200 kilometres from the Japanese city of Kobe, scene of a disastrous earthquake last week.

Lenin remembered: A woman holding flowers the 71st anniversary of the death of Lenin walks in front of a Lenin portrait in Red January 21, The Russian Communist Party Square during a demonstration held by mem-bers of the Russian Communist Party marking photo)

# EU wheels out economic weapons to combat war

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Union (EU) will consider on Monday whether to deploy its meagre arsenal of economic powers to try to influence the course of conflicts in Chechenya and for-

mer Yugoslavia. flecting the EU's lack of ability to halt foreign bloodshed, union foreign ministers may look at whether to exert pressure on Moscow over its handling of the Chechen war by delaying the signature of a trade accord.

Diplomats said ministers were likely to use the opposite approach on Croatia by dangling the prospect of negotiations for an economic cooperation agreement with Zagreb if it "plays the game" in the fragile peace process in

former Yugoslavia. Ministers will also discuss the situation in Algeria and plans for a Euro-Mediterranean conference later this year which will focus on the need for regional economic development to ward off the spread of Algerianstyle Islamic fundamental-

The first regular monthly foreign ministers' meeting of the new enlarged EU will start with a public dehate on the work programme of the union's six-month French presidency before paying tribute to outgoing commission President Jacques Delors.

Mr. Delors, who hands over to Luxembourg's Jacques Santer on Monday after 10 years in office, has said he is ashamed of the EU's impotence to end the war in Bos-

Yugoslavia has been a di-EU since it started to fall apart in 1991. The EU's initial perseverance then in offering financial aid to Belgrade, motivated by a wish to keep the country together, may have encouraged Serhian hardliners trying to quell

breakaway movements. A fragile ceasefire in Bosnia is now under threat, Croatia has alarmed the West by planning to remove U.N. peacekeepers from Serb-held Krajma, and the EU administrator at Mostar in Bosnia has accused Croat nationalists of

sabotaging his mission. Despite this, diplomats said the foreign ministers were likely to ask the European Commission to prepare a draft mandate to negotiate a long-planned cooperation agreement with Croatia.

'In order to tell Croatia that we will go ahead with such an agreement only if it plays the game, we need to have something in our pockets. At present, our pockets are empty," said one diplo-mat, explaining the carrotand-stick approach.

The same diplomat said ministers would have to despond to latest events in Chechenya, whose capital Grozny has been devastated by Russian forces retaking the city from defiant separatist fighters.

The commission has in accord which forms part of a partnership agreement signed Russian President Boris Yeltsin at the EU June summit in Corfu.

The interim trade agreement was initialled late last year, but the commission decimed to press ahead with arrangements to sign it until ministers had considered the matter.

The EU, while condemning the bombardment of Grozny as excessive, nevertheless defends Moscow's claim that Chechenya is an integral part of the Russian Federation. It fears doing anything that would further destabilise Mr. Yeltsin, who is still seen as the best hope for the country's threatened

reforms. "There is a danger that if you use a big stick publicly it would be seen as insulting Russia" (thereby helping hardliners), one diplomat

Reflecting the difficulty of the topics concerned, ministers were scheduled to discuss Chechenya, former Yugoslavia and Algeria in restricted session over lunch.

# Liberia warlord reports deal

MONROVIA (R) — One of Liberia's warlords on Sunday announced an agreement on a dispute which had thrown the shattered country's peace process off track, upstaging the local soccer hero George Weah and the national team.

Faction leader Octavius Walker of the Liberia Peace Council made the surprise announcement as Liberians took a hreak from politics to focus on Sunday afternoon's key African Nations Cup home qualifier against Seneg-

"We have fixed it. We fixed it last night and General (Hezekiah) Bowen will be the representative on the council from the AFL/ coalition," he told reporters at the airport as faction leaders left for talks in Ghana. A dispute between Gen. Bowen's Armed Forces of

Liberia, once the national

army, and a coalition of smal-

ler militias over who should

occupy the last of five seats. on a transitional ruling council bas thrown the timetable "The only thing we have to

do in Ghana now is to elect the chairman," said Mr. Walker, whose group is in the coalition.

Led by Mr. Weah, voted African player of the year in a prestigious French poll and courted by top Italian side AC Milan, Liberia were looking for a victory in Sunday's match to take them into the Nations Cup finals in South Africa in 1996.

"This occasion can be used as a way for the politicians and warlords to forget their differences and unite to rebuild a successful Liberia," Mr. Weah's cousin Wilson Weah told Reuters.

Local Red Cross worker John Jallah said Liberia's political problems eclipsed thoughts of the match last week. "Enthusiasm for the game was very low. I think that has changed now," he added, before the announce-

Liberia, set up by freed American slaves in 1847, has been racked by civil war since former civil servant Charles Taylor invaded from Ivory Coast on Christmas eve 1989. The war has killed an estimated 150,000 people, wrecked its ruhber and ironore hased economy and turned most of the pre-war population of 2.5 million into refugees.

Numerous peace deals have fallen through. The latest, signed Dec. 21 in Ghana, promised a ceasefire, disarmament and elections in November. A ceasefire took effect

Dec. 28 and appears to be holding - despite isolated reports of violations none of the warlords has spoken of return to all-out war. But they missed a Jan. 11 deadline for installing the ruling council. Mr. Weah, the hig striker

who plays for French first division side Paris Saint Germain, won the 1994 France Foothall Magazine annual poll this month for the second time in five years.
"Through sports peace can
come to Liberia," he told

Monrovia's new democrat

newspaper last week after re-

turning home for the match.

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) -The U.S. army has handed the Haitian government juris diction over prisoners it considers a threat to peace in the volatile Caribbean nation, U.S. army and emhassy officials said late Saturday. All 26 prisoners transfer-

U.S. hands 26 prisoners

to Haitian government

red to the Haitian government on Friday had been detained by the American military since the United States peacefully invaded Haiti in September to secure the return of the country's exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

"They are considered a threat to the stability of the state," said U.S. emhassy spokesman Stan Schrager. That is the view of the Haitians. They could have chosen to release them hut they didn't."

Most of the detainees are accused of collaborating with the former military rulers who controlled the impoverished republic for three years after toppling Mr. Aristide in a bloody September 1991 U.N. and U.S. officials

suspect some, such as Romeo Halloun, a well-known associate of former military strongman Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras, of involvement in political executions and gun-running. Others are thought to have been foot-soldiers in the Hai-

tian army's campaign to prevent Mr. Aristide's return. But none of the 26 transferred on Friday have been charged with any crimes and no evidence against them has heen presented, Mr. Schra-ger and Patrick Woolley, Mr. Halloun's lawyer, said. The prisoners are being

held in a detention centre, a one-time warehouse set up hy the Americans. It is now run by the Haitian government. Their fate is unclear, although American officials have maintained they will be tried in Haitian courts.

The notoriously inept justice system in Haiti makes that pledge shaky and many legal experts feel it will be difficult for people like Mr. Hallonn to receive a fair trial. Mr. Schrager said U.S.

plans to try Mr. Halloun, an American citizen, in the United States had been dropped but that emhassy and consular lawyers were investigating whether he has special rights as an American in a Haitian

Justice ministry officials could not he reached for comment.

More than 120 people were arrested after the intervention hat most have been freed, prompting critics to label the American programme the catch-and-release

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### Where reform begins

THE ADO that accompanied the recent resolution by the government to raise the pension of newly retired civil and military personnel starting on Dec. 1, 1994, should have at least been anticipated by those who took the decision. While the first reason for such a measure must have been meant to help the government trim down the numbers in the services, the second was no doubt the fact that, left as they were, the pensions would have been insufficient to help retired people cope with an ever-rising cost of living. Yet that cost has been rising for so many years and the hardship is most felt by those who retired earlier on much lower pensions.

Now, if the government would yield to the pressure of the around 450,000 retired Jordanians and raise pensions by only a fraction of the recent increases, that would put the treasury under tremendous strain to secure funds for that purpose. That is traditionally done by increasing taxes resulting in an automatic rise in cost of living and protests from different groups. A vicious circle, we

This whole issue is, however, transient. one that will get solved one way or another, most likely in the manner that we always solved our problems: Either by meeting only a tiny part of the demands of old pensioners or by leaving the issue to die a natural death. Yet this is a good issue which should be used to review not only the employment and retirement policies but all economic policies of the country. We should be asking questions like: Should the government continue to provide almost all public services? Should the government be the largest employer of Jordanians? Should the treasury subsidise employment? Should people retire at the early age of 50 or 60 after completing only 20 years of service? Should we have two retirement schemes, one for civil servants and one for the

The point here is certainly not to rectify a situation that resulted from a single decision. Rather, it is to reverse or reform a completely worn-out policy. This and many similar issues are at the heart of our main problem: An outdated, problem-plagued bureaucratic system. What this episode should teach us is that piecemeal solutions will not do. Only a concerted attempt at true reform will do

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### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I daily Sunday expressed hope that the Aqaba summit between His Majesty King Hussein and Egyptian President Husni Mubarak would constitute a starting point for joint efforts towards achieving reconciliation among Arah states. Saying that the summit was held at a time when the Arah countries are still divided, the paper said that the meeting has proved that Arah leaders can transcend side differences and mobilise all their efforts towards healing rifts and mending fences with sincerity and determination to serve national goals. Egypt assumes a central role and has offered so many sacrifices in the past in order to serve the Arab Nation. Therefore, Cairo is in a good position to play a renewed role in bringing the Arabs together, added the daily. Noting that the Arah staes together face enormous challenges, the paper said it is hoped that the Aqaba summit would trigger fresh efforts on the part of every Arab head of state to work out common plans to solve problems facing the Arah World.

IN THE light of Israel's policy of delaying the implementation of the Oslo and Cairo agreements, the Palestinians should cling hard to their stand and insist on their demands, said Taher Al Adwan, a columnist in Al Dustour. The Israeli government had delayed the Palestinian elections for six months and might extend the delay for another six months, said the writer. It has also allowed the Jewish settlers to go ahead with settlement programmes nuchecked, he said. All this provides an obvious indication that the Israelis are not committed to the implementation of their agreement with the Palestinians, said the writer. The Palestimans should insist on the execution of agreed plans on the redeployment of the Israeli forces and must not give in to Israeli pressures for any delay in this respect because any weakness would encourage the Israelis to ask for more concessions, said the writer. The Palestinians should study the lessons of the past Israeli-Egyptian experiment when Israel tried by all means to delay the implementation of deals with Cairo, he added.

# Palestine on the margins

By Khalil Barhoum

THE WORLD has witnessed the tip of the iceberg of prob-lems that we shall have to overcome in the implementation of even the first phase of

the Declaration of Principles. The above was said by Israeli Prime Minister Rabin at the signing of the third Cairo accord between Israel and the PLO on May 4. They were prophetic words indeed More than one year after the signing of the Declaration of Principles, the two sides are still groping with the inter-pretation of their assigned new roles which, to the surprise of very few people, reflect the inescapable balance of power between the two sides on the ground. The PLO, now widely referred to in the occupied territories as the Palestine National Authority, has bravely attemp-ted to portray its relationship with the Israeli government as equitable. But the fact of the matter is that the authority does not so much as owa the keys to its own house. Due to an agreement

which fails to guarantee them even a minimum of their aspirations, the Palestinians now find themselves trapped in political limbo, their once revolutionary leadership hav-ing traded in its liberationist credentials for a wilful submission to life under Israeli siege. In the meantime, while Arab governments continue to negotiate wholesale peace with Israel, the Palestinians have been conversely subiected to an exercise in political Darwinism. This has the unmistakable aim of taming the Palestinian spirit, while pushing the Palestinian people and their previous central political role to the margins of Israel's overall strategic calculations. Crucially for Israel, Yasser Arafat has been the principal facilitator of a sweeping Arab capitula-tion to Israel's political dik-tat. Now that the Arab opening to Israel in the political and economic spheres is underway, Arafat is finding his initial role as best man for the wider Arab-Israeli rap-

prochement ever more

irrelevant and superfluous.

Not only have the Oslo Accords left the Palestinians weaker and more exposed

in a process replete with iromes. First, the accords primarily address the fate of avoid public scrutiny. Palestinians in the occupied territories; they deal with diaspora Palestinians - who represent roughly two thirds of the wbole population altogether perfunctorily, in fact almost as an afterthought. This represents a departure for a movement that has staked its entire philosophy, even existence, on the twin Palestinian rights of return and selfdetermination. As if the curtions, mainly with progresrent fragmentation of the Palestinians along ideological and political lines were not

enough, the accords provide for further segmenting the Palestinians geographically, into those who live in the West Bank and Gaza and those who do not. Underlining this new distinction is the feeble argument that, given the reality of the situation on the ground, Palestinians under occupation have the most to lose, and, hence, their concerns must assume political primacy at this junc-

This argument would be

perhaps defensible were it

ironies

not for the absence in the accords of any specific and unamhiguous context for dealing with the 46-year old refugee problem. Other than a vague and non-committal reference to the intention of tackling the fate of 1948 Palestinian refugees during final status negotiations, the accords concern themselves merely with the "administrative" fate of those Palestinians not living under Israeli occupation. The irony in this situation is that the PLO fiercely objected to the

Palestinian delegation to the

Madrid peace talks being

made up entirely of Palesti-nians from the territories,

mainly on the grounds that

only the PLO could ade-

quately and effectively repre-

sent the interests of all

Palestinians. Soon after the

accords were made public, however, it became obvious An agreement replete with that the Palestinian team leading the negotiations in Washington was more in tune with the concerns of all Palestinians than the PLO than ever, they have ushered team in Oslo, which, in fact, operated in utter secrecy to

> Second, for decades the Palestinians have been trying to gain support for their grie-vances against Israel from the U.S. government and public opinion. Recognising that the U.S. is Israel's principal military and economic backer, the Palestinians still tried - without much success - to establish official contacts with it. Along these lines, they proceeded to build coali-

awareness and sympathy for their cause — and in the hope

of prodding the American

administration to play a more constructive political role in addressing their plight. But

the attempt had very little impact on U.S. foreign policy

considerations. Now that the

Palestinian leadership has

clearly succumbed to an

Israeli-dictated vision of

peace, the Palestinians are

dismayed to discover that the

price for opening a channel to Washington is their total and

unconditional alignment with

Israel's political designs.

Once the Israeli government

decreed that it was accept-

able and prudent to do busi-

ness with the PLO, the U.S. administration was more than happy to follow suit.

Third, the U.S., which all along had Israel's best interests at heart during the Washington peace talks, despite the comical label of "honest broker," turned out to be too pro-Israel even for the Israelis. U.S. pledges to the Palestinians that it would be a "full partner" in the talks came frighteningly close to reality, as the administration never failed to support the Israeli position at every impasse encountered by the two negotiating parties. Even under these extremely unfavourable conditions, the Palestinian negotiating team, headed by Haidar Abdul Shafi, stubbornly persevered.

"The reality is that the PLO under Arafat has once again tragically miscalculated both the Palestinian mood and Israeli intentions. To ensure his own political survival, Arafat has settled for short-term political gain (i.e. Israeli recognition of the PLO) and vague promises of future concessions, which will be contingent upon Israel's determination of his good conduct."

sive political groups and reli- Ironically, it was the Israelis gions organisations, with an stanto finally decided that the eye on creating more U.S. 18.3. was too partisan to serve Israel's interests well. and so moved ahead of it at Osio.

The last irony is that since the Madrid conference at the end of 1991, the PLO had sounded repeated warnings over impending separate Arab-Israeli peace deals. But the PLO's fears were unwarranted; the first party to break Arab ranks was the PLO itself, leaving both Jor-dan and Syria feeling embit-ted and betrayed. Now that Jordan has signed its own deal with Israel, and Syria cannot be left behind for long, the PLO's laments and protests over the Arab governments' moving too fast in their peace overtures to Israel rings more hollow than

This underlines the PLO leadership's arrogance towards its Arab negotiating partners, as well as its lack of accountability to its own peo-pie. The PLO has always believed and acted as though it had the right to exercise a veto over Arab states' peace moves towards Israel, while at the same time permitting itself the luxury of breaking its own repeated pledges to these states not to be the first party - since Sadat - to split Arab ranks in that regard. Further compounding this dynamic is the unfortunate reality that the PLO has always lacked a true system of accountability towards its own people, a system de-signed to make its leaders pay for their miscalculations. As a result, decisions have been often taken in a thoroughly haphazard manner, excused later by shameless and lame instifications.

### Arrogance without

accountability Such is the case with the latest — and potentially greatest Palestinian blunder, the Oslo Accords. Now that the PLO realises their many limitations and inconsistencies, the Palestinian people are being asked to close ranks hehind their leadership. Palestinian rights are being sacrificed and compromised daily, within the context of an agreement which has had the effect of legitimising the Israeli occupation and sup-planting a whole set of U.N. resolutions predicted on international legitimacy and consensus, all in the name of not wanting to prejudice the outcome of ongoing negotia-tions. Emboldened by the new compromising position in which the PLO has found itself after moving to Gaza, the Israeli and U.S. governments have been actively seeking a repeal of U.N. resolutions critical of Israel and supportive of Palestinian rights. This process of "historical re-engineering" would send far-fetched were it entirely without precedent. But after the Gulf war, the Bush

administration - in a bid to prove its pro-Israel credentials before the 1992 U.S. presidential elections — successfully championed the repeal of the 1975 U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism. Now that the Israeli government is linking every political move in its negotiations with the Palestinians to how malleable the PLO proves to be in acceding to israeli demands, the question arises of how resistant the PLO can be to such unremitting pressure, especially given that its political survival seems to rely on such com-

The reality is that the PLO under Arafat has once again

tragically miscalculated both

the Palestinian mood and Israeli intentions. To ensure his own political survival, Arafat has settled for short-term political gain (i.e. Israeli recognition of the PLO) and vague promises of future concessions, which will he contingent upon Israel's determination of his good conduct. The sad truth is that Arafat, as a free man, was not able to achieve for the Palestinians even a fraction of what Nelson Mandela in his prison cell was able to accomplish for his owa people. For the new Palestine being fashioned in Gaza is hardly the glorious vision which, over the past three decades, Arafat has promised his people. With sovereignty still firmly in Israeli hands, the economy collapsing and the new authority turning its guns against its own people, the present situation is indeed a nightmarish vision only the Israeli settlers could have wished on the Palestinians. And, thanks mainly to Arafat's separate peace, the Arab states now feel free to go it alone and the Palestinians' worst fear of marginalisation and fragmentation is becoming more of a reality with every passing day.

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# War chews up Chechenya

By Candice Hughes The Associated Press ACHKHOI-MARTAN,

Russia - Every few days the war takes another bite out of this district southwest of GTOZEV.

The bites — a few dead or wounded every few days are small compared to the day-by-day pounding of the capital by Russian bombs. rockets and artillery. But they are getting bigger and

The Achkhoi-Martan district, where thousands of Russian troops are encamped, is a preview of what lies ahead: an uneasy coexistence between occupiers and occupied, a stubbom guerril-

The Chechens have vowed to fight to the last man. Their centuries long history of re-sistance to both Czars and commissars and their bravery in battle so far suggests they

can be taken at their word. The first battle is for Grozny. The next will be for towns and villages throughout Chechenya. The final front will be the rugged mountains that served the Chechens' rebellious forebears so long and

so well. The Russians will occupy the villages and then we'll start the most important stage of the war. We'll move to the mountains where nobody will kick us ont," said a local farmer-turned-fighter. Said Amerbekov. "We'll never give up."
This district lies between Grozny and the mountains,

along the main road in from the west. It is already a shift-ing patchwork of Chechen-and Russian-held territory. In some places, the two sides have eheckpoints about a kilometre apart. At a snowy roadside a few kilometres from Achkhoi-

Martan guarded by machine guns and armoured vehicles, Russian soldier patted his grenade launcher. "We call this the 'alarm clock'," he said. "We have orders to fire five grenades every morning at 6 a.m. to scare the

Just down the road, the lightly armed men manning the Chechen eheckpoint seemed unimpressed. The ground was littered with spent cartridges. The lightly armed Chechens had just tried to shoot down a Russian "crocodile," a MI-24 helicopter gunship, with their assault

"Rassian mothers will weep every day until this war stops," vowed Rnkhman Sugaibov. "The Chechens have no tears left."

The people in this district have used both guns and diplnmacy since a Russian armoured column arrived in mid-December and encamped. Talks between local officials and Russian field commanders have achieved the first prisoner exchange of

the war and a handful of tacit agreements about turf. But there are also spoardie

"If it's possible to negotiate, we negotiate. If they want war, we'll bring out our guns," Hamzat Matayev, the Achkhoi-Martan security chief said.

Plenty of guns are already out. Local men armed with Kalashnikovs are on constant guard in the Achkhoi-Martan town square only 50 kilometres from Grozny. People here are bracing for an all-out Russian attack. If

the Russians want to encircle Grozny and cut it off from the mountains, they'll have to go through this district, home to 63,000 people scattered throughout several farming towns and villages.

The district's self-defence chief, Magomet Zelimhanov, said more than 80 local people already have died in clashes with the Russians. Both sides have pursued a

policy of harassment rather than all-out confrontation. Chechen guerrillas have ambushed Russian armoured vehicles several times and killed several Russian soldiers for their weapons. The Russians have retaliated, mostly with artillery and helicopter gunshins.

But the pace is picking up and the Russians have begun to creen closer to Greater moving into towns previously left untouched.

On Thursday and Friday, edgy Russian commandos in black ski masks carried out house-to-house raids in Assinovskaya, about 5 kilometres from Achkhoi-Martan town on the border with Ingushe-tia. Officials said nine people were arrested.

It was the Russians' second attempt to raid the town. The first, on Monday, provoked one of the district's worst clashes to date, an all-day battle between scores of Chechens from nearby towns like Bamut and Achkhoi-Martan and a small Russian

armoured convoy. The Chechens said they had 11 dead and 46 wounded. Russian casualties were unknown, but five bodies and 10 wounded soldiers from the battle were seen at a nearby field hospital.

That night, Russian helicopter gunships rained revenge down on Bamut. The attacks would continue for

Only a handful of mourners dared to gather under the cold gray sky the next day to bury Bamut's five new dead. Artillery thundered in the distance as village elders in tall gray Astrakhan hats and long black coats presided over the funerals.

"Tell the world we are peaceful people," one old man said, leaning on a staff, the hlue eyes blazing. "Tell the world the Russians are killing a new generation."

# LETTERS

### Governance through violence

To the Editor:

THE ONGOING bloody chapter in Chechenya is hnt another by-product of the Western policy towards the former Soviet Union. And Russian President Boris Yeltsin's own political agenda has led him to this quagmire. · For decades, especially after the Allies' victory over Nazi Germany, the West embarked on a strategy to bring about the demise, of the Soviet Union, which, in its turn, had its own plans for combating capitalism.

The most significant step towards the collapse of Communism was the fall of the Berlin Wall. This was followed by Warsaw pact countries detaching themselves from the big bear, and the disintegration of the Soviet Union with the republics that formed it opting for

The West's highly publicised publicised campaign against the "Evil Empire" had one central theme: violations of human rights and absence of democracy. Strategists and think-tanks in the West then identified three major targets: To reduce to a minimum the communist influence all over the world, especially in vulnerable Third World countries, to disarm the Soviet Union of its nuclear capabilities and to help Jews leave that country.

So far, two of the above objectives have been achieved in

such a style that it has made those strategists and think-tanks forget or neglect the very first argument they used against the Soviets, namely the absence of genuine democracy and the violations of basic human rights. If the said strategists and think-tanks forgot this original moral argument, that cry was not lost to the tens of indigenous peoples whose ancestral home-lands had composed the former Soviet Union. Those peoples have waited long for the moment of emancipation from Moscow's grip, whether it was under the Czar. Stalin, Brejnev, Gorbachev, Yeltsin or whoever succeeds him.

One cannot think of a more telling example of acquiseence by the West to Mr. Yeltsin's abuse of power than the shelling of the Duma, the Russian house of democracy. Maybe some people thought at the time, that it was not so bad an idea to let Mr. Yeltsin reestablish his authority behind the trembling walls of the Kremlin by knocking out some walls of the Duma.

As the Chechenya tragedy is demonstrating, Mr. Yeltsin seems to have become addicted to violence as a method of convincing his subjects of his views.

If Mr. Yeltsin is left with a total free hand whenever he

faces a problem of dissent, he and those who condone such actions will have to share the responsibility. It is a sure recipe for more headaches, especially that there is an awesome pandora-box waiting to be opened.

In Arabie, there is a proverb which says that it is better to deal with a reasonable enemy, than to have to deal with a clumsy friend. This proverb was coined in Arah popular literature when a countryman took his bear for a walk. After some time, the man decided to have a nap under a tree. While enjoying his nap, a fly landed on his nose, but that did not bother him. Instead, it bothered his pet which wanted to relieve his master from the buzzing fly. So, the faithful pet took a little rock and smashed the fly.

The strategy of the West vis-a-vis its old rival, the former Soviet Union must be revised. So far what this strategy has achieved is replacing communism with anarchy, substituting sanity with incompetence and transforming Sovietism into Russianism.

### Salim Ayoub, Amman.

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## House seeks to ensure quorum

(Continued from page 12) election process. Afterwards, their enthusiasm fades, thus affecting the committees'

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The House is scheduled to meet Wednesday to hear the government's policy statement and to set a date to debate the statement and take a vote of confidence in the new government.

Foreign Affairs Committee was Sunday briefed by Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti on the outcome of the Jordanian-Egyptian summit held Saturday in Agaba between His Majesty King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Mr. Kabariti also outlined to the committee the outcome of his meetings with Meanwhile, the House's Palestinian and Tunisian offi-

cials during his visit to Tunisia, and his participation in the meetings of the Organisation of Islamic Conference's (OIC) Jerusalem Committee held in the Moroccan city of

The committee was also briefed by former Minister of State Jawad Al Anani on a meeting hosted by Washingtoo oo the establishment of a Middle East development bank and efforts to hold an economic summit in Amman Oct. 30, 1995.

### Jordanian -PLO officials

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lations. "I think that by the end of this week when His Majesty King Hussein and Mr. Arafat meet, we will witness a totally new era characterised with warmth and close coordination," the official said.

Earlier on, Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Abdul Raonf Al Rawabdeh made a more cautious assessment.

The citizen has to see a practical translation of this special relationship ... so it is premature to assess the talks," Mr. Rawabdeh told reporters after the talks.

Mr. Rawabdeh's reserved comments mainly reflected concern and cantion that the talks could raise high expectations hut without producing tangible results. Mr. Rawabdeh, a sharp-minded man known for his frankness, was referring to previous rounds of Jordanian-Palestinian talks, that he himself attended.

Jordan was disappointed in the past when Mr. Arafat failed repeatedly to sign or even approve bilateral agree-

But this time Palestinian officials said that the stage is set for a general Jordanian-Palestinian agreement and Mr. Arafat was coming to

"It is no longer feasible or possible to ignore relations with Jordan. The Palestinians will just he cornered hy Israel. Jordanians and Palestinians need each other," a Palestinian official said. Mr. Arafat realises now the importance of mending fences and starting coopera-tion with Jordan, the official told the Jordan Times.

"All Arab states and parties are aware now that separate paths will not lead far; neither Jordan nor the Palestinians can do without consolidating their Arab dimensions," said a Jorda-man official.

Mr. Arafat's visit, the first since May, signals a positive shift in bilateral relations that have been strained since the PLO signed a separate agreement with Israel in September 1993.

Relations further deteriorated when Jordan signed a peace agreement last October that included an Israeli recognition of the Jordanian custodianship of the Muslim holy sites in East Jerusalem.

But it was made possible by decisions by the two sides separately to stop making an issue of the Jordanian role in Jerusalem at Arab and Islamic meetings.
The Palestinian Authority

was particularly comfortable with recent Jordanian statements mostly by Foreign Minister Ahdni Karim Kabariti, that Jordan supports a solution based on the recognition of Palestinian sovereignty over East Jeru-

Mr. Kabarin's statements, reflected the government's policy and were crucial to the easing of the tensions since they addressed Palestinian fears and sensitivity towards

Meanwhile Jordan denied on Saturday it had agreed with Israel to build a \$100 million, 260 kilometre pipe-line for refined oil products. An Israeli energy ministry spokesman told Reuters on Thursday that Israel and Jor-

dan had agreed in principle to build such a pipeline.
The Jordan News Agency. Petra, quoted an Energy Ministry spokesman as saying no energy projects were defined in recent talks with

"Discussing any future projects will only happen in due course," he added, The Israeli official has said

the pipeline would run between state owned Oil Refineries Ltd's Haifa plant and Jordan's Zarqa refinery. Jordan and Israel are ex-

pected to reach an energy accord in a few months before a six-month deadline set in the peace treaty they signed on Oct. 26.

# Ex-Soviet Central Asia embraces Islam — but carefully

By Julia Rubin

The Associated Press

FERGANA VALLEY Uzbekistan — Ortikali Utanov, a schoolteacher and farmer, proudly ticks off the signs of Islamic revival in his village in the rural heart of former Soviet Central Asia.

Since Uzbekistan broke free from Moscow three years ago, the village has a new mosque, schools offer Arabic and newspapers sing the glories of Central Asia's Islamic heyday, back before Russian conquerers arrived,

And yet, mosque attendance is low in Sharhon-chak, and Mr. Utanov himself rarely goes. Many stu-dents elect to study English rather than Arabic. Some villagers are tiring of the media blitz, eyeing it with the scepticism they used against a lifetime of Soviet

propaganda.
"It's nice we have inde-pendence and can learn about our culture," Mr. Utanov said, sitting on floor cushions at the table in his mud-walled house. "We've always been Muslims, though."

The new nations of Central Asia are rediscovering Islam after decades of stiffing Soviet rule. But they are cautious, even in a cradle of tradition like the Fergana Valley where Mr.

By Patrick Worsnip

Reuter

WASHINGTON — U.S.

foreign policy-makers are worried about a new ride of

isolationism they see

sweeping across America

and, in particular, waning support for the idea that the country needs to be

involved in European

security.

As public servants, they are reluctant to take political sides, but there is little

doubt that the Republican

takeover of Congress this

month, which has brought

a number of right-wingers

to prominent positions, has

The long agony of Bosnia

and the more recent deba-

cle of the Russian attack on

Chechenya have also done

much to spread the nonon

that, now that the Soviet

nuclear threat has passed,

the United States should

stay away from Europe's

Such views represent a

serious obstacle to State

Department personnel and

other officials engaged in trying to build what they

call a new Enropean

"architecture" to replace

downwards insist that they

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boosted their fears.

Utanov lives, tucked between snowy monntain ranges not far west of Chi-

Russian and Western observers fear this volatile corner of Uzbekistan, the most populous of the new Central Asian natioos, could be the tochold from which Islamic extremism might conquer the region, filling the vacuum left by communism.

It isn't happening yet.
One reason is that people in Uzbekistan are scared of any unrest that could turn their country into another Afghanistan or Tajikistan, southern neighbours that have been devastated by

civil war. Uzbekistan's president, Islam Karimov, plays on those fears to crush religious extremism and any other dissent, while at the same time using Islam to shore up his government's legitimacy.
It is a delicate balancing

act for the former Communist Party boss, who now makes pilgrimages and sprinkles his speeches with references to Allah. Meanwhile, living standards are declining, which

could someday do more to fuel an Islamic opposition than any Mnjahedeen flitting across the border. Prices are climbing, and staples at affordable prices

are rationed. Bus service

In a comitry that already

has almost stopped. The government has stopped delivering some things the Soviets did provide, at least sporadically, such as medicine and winter fuel.

"Karimov knows he's not going to solve his Islamic problem by making speeches against mullahs. He's got to provide food," said Barnett Rubin, director of Columbia University's Centre for the Study of Central Asia.

Mr. Karimov has banned Islamic political parties and frequently points towards Afghanistan and the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan to justify his iron

The Soviets fought a long, losing war with Isla-mic militants in Afghanistan. Today, Tajikistan's pro-Moscow government claims some of those mnjahedeen are arming Tajik rebel groups.

Uzbek troops are helping Tarik and Russian government forces guard the Afghan border.

The kind of Islam that Mr. Karimov is promoting is the conservative, village Islam seen where Mr. Utanov lives: Light on scripture, heavy on folk customs and the glory days of the silk road trade ronte, roughly the 7th to 17th

was poor by Soviet stan-

dards and is now reeling from economic dislocation, pollution and other prob-lems, the revival of Islam and Uzbek pride is one of the few gains the government can point to.

Thousands of mosques have been built in the past three years, the Holy Koran has been translated into Uzbek, and monn-meuts to Central Asian conquerers and scholars are being erected.

"The main task is to raise a healthy and honest generation," said Usman Khan, imam at a sparkling new mosque and religious school near Samarkand.

While he spoke with a reporter, birds sang in the lush garden and men drank tea on wooden platforms under old maples. In the village outside, female students walked home from classes fully veiled, a rare sight in Uzbekistan five years ago. Pakistan contributed to

building the mosque, an example of the new money and interest Islamie countries have in Uzbekistan. Mr. Karimov is looking to them and to the West, China and Russia for help with gradual free-market reforms. People in Uzbekistan are

afraid to talk with strangers about Mr. Karimov. But the balance he has struck with Islam, at least, appears to have support, especially in Tashkent, a diverse capital that was the fourth largest city in the Soviet Union.

The harassed opposition in exile finds rare common ground with Mr. Karimov on the question of Islamic extremism.

"Even Karimov is better than civil war," Abdumanob Pulatov, a hnman rights activist who fled Mr. Karimov's government. said in an interview in Moscow. "In a civil war, there wouldn't be tens of political prisoners as there are now, but tens of thousands."

In Mr. Utanov's village, religious passions are kept in check not only hy fears of Tajikistan-style unrest, hut also by memories of the ethnie violence that killed hundreds in a nearby part of the Fergana Valley in 1990.

"That we don't want," Mr. Utanov says, pointing towards Tajikistan.

To him, being Muslim means following old Uzbek traditions. In his house, heads are covered, and at meals everybody make gestures of thanks to Allah.

"Religion is not very developed here," said another teacher, Khidoyat Kambarova, who, like virtually all village women, wears a head scarf. "Mainly old people follow reli-

# Nabulsi reviews economic reforms

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For iostauce, Jordan's annual economic growth used to be around 10 per cent during the 70s before starting a declice and moving into 'zero" in the late 80s. With the implementation of the programme, the Kingdom's... economy recovered its growth, posting an average of six per cent in the last two years after registering 11 per cent in 1992.

we measure this growin he said.

The seminar, entitled "the

Present and Future," was organised by the Amman-based Arab Institute for Banking and Financial Studies in a new programme under the theme "Press and Mass Media Forum."

On Saturday and Sunday, IMF experts sought to give a detailed picture of the world body and the parameters it applies in its work with a view to familiarising the media.

Addressing the meetings were Ahmad Abushadi and

Ednouard Maciejewski, senior officials of the Washington-based body. The seminar also involved panel discussions.

The topics that were dealt with at the seminar were "The Role and Functions of ket and related agencies.

the IMF." "IMF-supported Macroeconomic Stabilisation and Structural Adjustment an Evolving Process," "Economic Policy, Public Interest and the Role of the Media," Design of IMF-supported Structural Programmes -Key Policy Instruments and Structural Reform Components," "Economic Reforms in the Arah Countries and Future Challenges," The IAF and the Arab countries."

On Sunday, Osmal Al Ansari, advisor to the London-based Arab Bank for International Investment. addressed the gathering's concluding session and briefly ontlined activities in the international securities' mar-

"The question here is: Do against the corresponding figures of the 70s or against the zero growth rate in the late

IMF and the Arah Countries:

Suicide explosions kill 18 in Israel

by a few seconds having joined those killed at the bus

Mr. Arafat, who like Mr. Rabin has staked his political life on the self-rule accord. condemned the attack by the

'enemies of peace." The bombing was the hloodiest since another militant group, Hamas, sent a member on a suicide mission to Tel Aviv last October which killed 22 people.
At least 109 Israelis and

195 Palestinians have been killed since the September 1993 Israel-PLO deal. Opposition leaders demanded an end to the peace talks

and members of Mr. Rabin's own Labonr Party voiced doubts about the negotiations although they stopped short of calling for their suspen-U.S. President Bill Clinton

condemned the bomb attack and said: "Once again, the enemies of peace have struck down innocent people in an evil effort to destroy the hopes of peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Arabs." Mr. Rabin convened an

emergency cabinet session Sunday evening to determine the government's response.

The first step was a complete closure on the occupied territories, blocking the movement of all Palestinians into Israel. It has been the response after each similar attack and bas kept tens of thousands of Palestinians away from jobs in Israel.

Mr. Rabin underscored the deepening concern about such carnage by making his first personal inspection tour of a suicide bombing site.

'There is no doubt in my mind that this action now is another attempt by the extreme Islamic terror groups to achieve their dual goal of killing Israelis and halting the

peace process," he said. Islamie Jihad also issued

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leaflets in both Gaza and in Damascus claiming responsibility for the double-barrelled suicide mission.

"This operation is the genuine retort to the continnous daily expansion of the enemy's settling process in the West Bank and Jerusalem," Fathi Shikaki, secretary-general of the group, said in an interview with Al Noor radio in Beirut, Lebanon.

Most of the 18 Israelis killed and 62 wounded in Sunday's attack were soldiers, although the dead included at least one elderly civilian man. Associated Press reporter Mike Rotem, one of the first journalists who arrived at the

scene, said victims were groaning and calling for help.

The brunt of the explosion was taken by a single army company, one of a special unit deployed to guard bus stops, especially on Sundays when they are crowded with troops returning from weekend furloughs.

Kit bags, jackets and the red berets of the elite paratrooper unit, many of them bloodstained, lay scattered among the broken glass and other debris after the blast. Religious medical teams combed the ground and the trees for scattered bits of flesh, since Jewish law requires all body parts to be buried.

"There was a huge explosion. We came ontside and saw everything was charred. As I moved toward the snack bar, I saw body parts, heads, arms, a God-awful scene, said eyewitness Haim Hershkovitz.

Bella Zioni, 42, who owns the snack shop, was inside with her husband and son and at first thought she had been knocked to the floor by an electric shock.

"By the time I was able to

get up there was another explosion. Again, the entire roof collapsed and the solar panels fell on me," she said from her bospital bed.

The explosion erupted at the Beit Lid junction, also known as the Sharon junction near the coastal town of Netanya, about 9:30 a.m. (0730 GMT). The site, named after an Arab village that once stood, there is 30 kilometres northeast of Tel Aviv and about 10 kilometres from the West Bank.

The blast occurred across the street from Ashmoret prison, where Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, has been serving a life sentence since 1989 for ordering the killing of Israeli informants and other activities against the occupation.
Officials said the two explosions were about three mi-

nntes apart. Survivors reported a man wearing a uniform doubled over as if to throw up who they believe exploded the first bomh outside the snack bar. When soldiers rushed up to see what happened the second bomh erupted.

The bombs are believed constructed by a fugitive Palestinian chemist and Hamas member named Yehia Ayash, nieknamed "the engineer." He is believed to have built the bombs in a number of similar attacks, including the one in Tel Aviv in October that killed 22 people.

Arafat aides said he phoned Mr. Rabin to condemn the attack and express his condolences.

"Every time we make progress in the negodations ... some people carry out criminal acts aimed at stopping this progress," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying.

can work with Congress, which in any case has only limited power to alter foreign policy. But it is the public mood more than the Congress itself that concerns them.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke told a meeting of officials and analysts this week that there was "overwhelming scepticism" about the idea that U.S. oational interests require an engaged international security policy. Senators had "told me

flatly that that simple truth is the one thing they can't sell to their constituents," sources present quoted Mr. Holbrooke as saying. "While we in this room can agree about the policy of NATO expansion, or how to deal with

ican body poline it's all crap," he said. "They don't want any part of it." Despite this, officials say the administration will press ahead with the policy of admitting East European nations to NATO at some undefined future date and boosting the 53-nation Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Chechenya, to the Amer-

the East-West divide of the (OSCE). Government leaders The obstacles are foreign from President Bill Clinton as well as domestic. The

three-year-old Bosnian war

shows no sign of ending and Russia has objected strongly to the NATO expansion plan.

U.S. policy-makers fear new isolationist trend

The war in Checheoya where Russian President Boris Yeltsin claimed Thursday to have crushed a rebellion after a bloody five-week onslaught - has raised doubts over whether Washington should still treat him as a strategic ally.

"We are trying to create a new security architecture while parts of the house are on fire," Mr. Holbrooke conceded. But to Washington there

is no alternative and not only hecause Europeao countries, Washington believes, are still looking for American leadership. In the U.S. view, NATO cannot remain an exclusive Western cluh, while to drop Mr. Yeltsin means risking the loss of all the

return to nuclear confrontation. Many criocs, however, both in and out of Congress, questioo the admi-

cooperation achieved with

Russia since the cold war.

At worst, it could mean a

nistration's assumptions. At the moment, the main challenge to the Clinton foreign policy is shaping up as an assault on its foreign aid programme - of which

Russia is a leading beneficiary — and the Agency for International Development (AID) which administers

Jesse Helms, a conservative North Carolina Republican and the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has charged that much aid goes down "foreign ratholes," and one bill already before Congress wants to abolish aid and slash foreign assist-

Some, though far from all, Republicans are opposed to sending U.S. troops to patrol the Golan Heights in the event of a peace deal between Israel and Syria, though a U.S. presence is widely considered the linchpin of any agreement.

Government officials are fighting back, hut AID administrator Brian Atwood admits a problem of perception. Most Americans, he said this week, think 20 per cent of their dollars go for foreign aid, while the real figure is less than one-half of one per

cent. A worried administration is looking at plans to merge AID and another independent body, the arms control and disarmament agency. into the state department.

Publicly, Mr. Clinton rejects a new isolanonism. In a speech in Cleveland, Ohio, last week he blamed such a U.S. policy after World War I for encouraging the rise of Nazism and other extremist ideologies

in Europe. Mr. Clinton told a conference on trade and investment in Eastern and Central Europe that it was tempting for Americans to say "look, we've got more problems than we can handle here at home, so let's just forget about the rest of the world."

But, he went on, "the whole future of the world and the future of our children here in the United States depend on our continued involvement and leadership in the world."

Some foreign affairs groups, however, such as the Coalinon for American Leadership Abroad, fear Mr. Clinton himself may succumb to similar temptations. In a letter to the presi-

dent this week, signed by eaders of 11 think-tanks

coalition arged him to shun officials who favoured pre-emprive capitulacion to isolationist voices across the nacion and on Capitol

# Rains hinder rescue efforts

(Continued from page 1) (\$I.5 hillion), insurance agents have told Britain's Sunday Telegraph newspap-

The bill, if confirmed, would be one of the heaviest marine claims to hit the market from a single disaster in its three centuries of operations, the weekly paper said. Kobe store owners set up their own patrols after looting broke out in the city's biggest shopping mall, the first outhreak since the disas-

acclaimed civility. Around 10 million yen (\$100,000) worth of goods were taken from the town centre mall, shopowners said Sunday. Japan's bungled attempt to

cope with the quake has been

ter in Japanese society's

highlighted by reported arguments within the bureaucracy over whether it was a "particularly terrible disaster" or DÓL Designating a disaster as "particularly terrible" determines how much money is

The National Land Agency first proposed cheap loans to small and medinm-sized businesses to help them recover from the quake, the Mainichi Shimbun reported over the weekend.

allocated to the victims by the central government. the day Sunday, raising fears of landslides and shifting de-

But the agency backed down on Friday, saying there was not enough time to complete the necessary paperwork, the newspaper said. The government then decided at a subsequent cabinet meeting that the quake should be "dealt with in the same manner as that officially designated as a particularly terrible disaster," Mainichi

said. A British rescue team and the country's first consign-ment of relief supplies are scheduled to arrive on Monday, while Australia will start delivering 200,000 litres (52,000 gallons) of bottled mineral water the same day. A 66-year-old man and a 78-year-old woman were rescued Sunday after spending 128 hours huried in the debris. Doug Copp of the American rescue team based in San Francisco said there was a "good possibility" that more survivors would still be found. But rains dampened

hopes. Rescuers from the United States and France used tracking dogs to comb the rubble of a collapsed elevated railway station but found neither bodies nor survivors.

"So far we've come un rith zero" in two days of searching, said Carolyn Hebard, who works with a German shepherd named Pascha. Heavy rain fell for most of

bris. Police evacuated hundreds of people from about 34 landslide-prone neighbourhoods. But no major mud slides

were reported by Sunday night, and the forecast called

afternoon.

### Grozny under fire

(Continued from page 1) Russian Jiguli sedan doing a

sudden about turn at the

weekend just before a roadb-The five fighters inside were apparently trying to get to nearby Bamut which is being bombed by the Russians. But they nearly ran into a roadhlock manned by supporters of multimilhonaire Beslan Gantemirov,

a sworn enemy of Mr. Dudayev.
Just 10 kilometres away, it was the opposite story. Residents of a small village in the Chatoi region stopped the Gantemirov supporters from ferrying arms towards Grozny, apparently to pro-Russian partisans.

Arietta, who lost her son in the fighting last week, told AFP: "We couldn't let them pass. It's shameful for Chechenya to help the Russians."

In Moscow hundreds of people gathered near the headquarters of the Soviet Unioo's former KGB security police on Sunday to mourn the victims of Russia's bloody attempt to crush tiny Chechenya's independence

Former reform chief Yegor Gaidar and human rights commissioner Sergei Kovalyov both called for an end to for skies to clear Mooday the seven-week campaign.

# Israeli cabinet

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thorise public investment on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip for public building and infrastructure such as schools, kindergartens and clinics. It would also examine private building plans. Six ministers abstained in a

one opposed it. The committee will review bousing ministry plans.

They include a project to build 7,500 homes for Palestinians as well as 4,000 for Israelis in and around Jeru-

vote on the decision, hut no

reported. By the end of the year 7,500 homes would be ready for Palestinians in the areas of Shufat, Abu Dis and Al

salem this year, Israel radio

Azzariyaha, the radio said. At the same time 1,080 units would be huilt in Maale Adumim, 800 in Givat Zeev. 900 in Betar and several dozen in Givon Hadasha, ali settlements outside Jerusalem.

freeze on government spending for settlement building would be effective and that no more land would be seized for houses. The pledge came after Palestinian calls to halt the autonomy negotiations and resignation threats hy left-

Mr. Rahin pledged last

week in talks with Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat that a

ment construction. A partial freeze on settlements announced by Mr. Rabin after winning the 1992 general elections was not applied to "greater Jerusalem."

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# World Bank remains upbeat on private money flows to developing world

capital flows into developing countries hit an estimated record \$173 billion last year, a four-fold increase from 1989. and Mexico's finance crisis is unlikely to reverse the uptrend, the World Bank affirmed Sunday.

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It said developing countries share in global foreign direct investment (FDI) rose sharply to 37 per cent of the total in 1993, from 29 per cent in 1992, with China emerging as the world's largest single recipient of foreign investment, reporting inflows totalling \$26 billion. Presenting its annual re-

port on developing country debt and financial flows. senior World Bank economsion of private flows was rooted in "real economic transformation" including the globalisation activity, trade liberalisation and privatisa-

th€ Investors' flight from Mexico after the hungled yearend peso devaluation reflected a "very specific" Mexican problem, Malvina Pollock, coauthor of the report, told reporters here.

After initial "panic" on the markets — including turmoil in Asia — they were likely to realise that this did not threaten the financial system. as did the Third World deht crisis when it erupted a decade ago, she said. The World Bank projected

an overail 1994 net resource flow of \$227 billion to the developing world, an all-time high. But this would he only a

'modest" rise over the 1993

marked a 40 per cent jump from 1992 to more than twice the 1990 level of \$103 billion.

The World Bank linked this to a sharp slowdown in net long-term private capital flows, which were up by just under 9.0 per cent after a massive 55 per cent rise in 1993 to \$159 billion.

It said the slowdown was due to price corrections in some overvalued emerging markets, fuelled by rising U.S. interest rates from early in 1994, which triggered turmoil in the bond markets. and "adverse political and economic developments" in some developing countries.

The virtual explosion of private flows in 1993 was due mainly to economic reforms in many developing countries, which restored their creditworthiness in the wake of the commercial deht crisis, now in its "twilight" phase, it

A "spectacular" surge in portfolio equity investment which reached \$47 hillion in 1993, a 13-fold increase from 1989, was a key feature, spurred by financial liberalisation, easier foreign access to emerging stock markets and

large-scale privatisations. But the World Bank projected a decline last year \$39.5 billion in this compartment, as market corrections cooled the enthusiasm for

such investment. Bond issues by developing countries on the international capital market more than doubled in 1993 to a gross

But the World Bank foresaw a decline to \$50 hillion in

# as vital for growth

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)

— Ministers of the Saudi-led Gulf alliance have agreed on measures that will lower interferences on telecommunications frequencies, especially in border areas. the secretary-general announced.

Sheikh Fahim Al Qassimi, secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council, said that the ministers also agreed that telephone revenues will receiving countries. Previously, the initiator country kept the revenues.

The GCC groups Saudi Arahia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain in a 13-year-old alliance seeking gradual movement loward a European-style common

Other decisions at the conference chaired by Bahrain's Transport Minister Ali Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, included setting up a committee to study unification of postal fees, and ratifying a programme for training of workers in the telecommunications field.

The ministers of transport, communications. post, telegraphs and telephones met on the sidelines of the 8th Middle East Electronic Communications Show and Conference that Bahrain hosts every two years. The event which briogs together international experts and latest products in the field, is accompanied by a separate show and conference on the latest in electronic and broad-

casting technology. Information technology was projected as vital for national economic growth as the high-level conferences aimed at meeting the needs of the Gulf's fast growing communications and broad-

way earlier in the day.

"Information in the 21st cen tury will be vital for national economy growth," said Bahrain's transport minister. Greg Nelson, vice presi-

dent and general manager of Motorola's European, Middle-East and Africa paging products division, was even more specific. "The world is on the hrink of what will become known

as the great age of telecommunications," he told the conference in a keynote address. "Around the world we see emerging economies place telecommunications at the top of their priority lists." Sheikh Khalifa noted that Bahrain has joined forces with the rest of the Gulf

Cooperation Council -Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arah Emirates — to install a fiber optic liok across the Gulf, named Fog.
The cable will connect

eventually with the global fiber link known as Flag, he Bahrain also took a share

in the sea-me-we II cable which runs from Singapore to France, he said. Mr. Nelson said the tele-

communications industry was forecast to be worth \$3 trillion by the year 2010. The Middle East is ex-

periencing health growth as oil economies diversity, Lehanon rehuilds after a 15year civil war, and the Palestinians settle into autonomy, all creating a market for modern communications of all types, he said,

Motorola estimated that Bahrain, an island of half a million, had 55,000 pagers in use, and that today there were over 50 million pagers in use around the world.

# Information projected Oman seeks to end budget deficit by year 2000 —official

MUSCAT (R) — Oman, a small Gulf oil producer, intends to bring its budget deficit to zero in the next fiveyear development plan which starts in 1996, a World Bank official said Sunday.

Ram Chopra, director of the hank's Middle East and North Africa division, spoke to reporters after talks with Oman's Sultan Qaboos Bin Said and Omani officials on

He said Sultan Qaboos "is very committed to making sure that in the next development plan (1996-2000) hudget deficits are 10 be hrought to zero," he said.
"Oman like other countries in the Gulf has been facing budgetary difficulties.

Mr. Chopra's visit was linked to giving the Arah Gulf state advice on planning a conference Oman is to hold in June to address its domes-

tic economic policies.

He said he was "satisfied

that it is fully released in Oman that action needs to be taken to address the issues of budget difficulties, increasing public savings...

World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) reports last year said Oman needed to cut spending and raise revenues to reduce unsustainable hudget

Oman has started implementing some of the ideas in the World Bank report, many of which emerged when a team visited Oman in early 1993, including giving the private sector a greater role.

Spending and the deficit were hudgeted to rise slightly this year. Oman said in January it expects its 1995 budget deficit to rise to 312 million riyals (\$810.3 million) from 301 million riyals (\$781.8 million) in 1994. Oman's 1994 actual budget

deficit appears to have been cut by close to a quarter from

1993 — figures for the first 10 months of each year show a decline to 237 million riyals (\$616 million) from 310 mil-

lion (\$806 million). Corrent spending also rose, the opposite of what the IMF and World Bank recom-

The current spending increase included a rise in defence spending to 667 million riyals (\$1.73 billion) in 1995 from 612 million (\$1.59 billion) in 1994. That is a 28 per cent share of total budgeted spending of 2.16 billion rivals (\$5.62 billion).

Mr. Chopra said Oman needs to place special emphasis on employment and the labour sector.

Its population is growing at 3.5 to 3.9 per cent per year, among the highest in the Middle East. Half the population is 15 or under. young Omanis who will soon be seeking jobs.

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# Rampant statistics fraud hampers China's planning

BEUING (AFP) — China has uncovered more than 70,000 cases of statistics fraud Xinhua has said, reflecting a growing trend that is severely nampering macro-economic

More than 20,000 of the cases involved "false reports. deceptions, forgeries and disprtions," the official news gency said, citing sources involved in a joint national inspection by the State Statistics Burgau, Ministry of Supervision and the State Council's Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

According to the investiga-tion, a large number of offi-cials across the country are turning in falsified economic data for industrial output, investment and per capita income, as well as hogus oopulation figures.

The trend has grown in recent years with the practice of awarding honuses or can claim major successes in implementing central socio-

"As a matter of fact, figures bave become the decisive factor in getting promotion in some areas, and once you are promoted in that way, you tend to keep on reporting false figures," said a participant at a national statistics working conference in Beijing.

rannicating statistics had disastrous consequences in China during the 1958 Great Leap Forward when officials faced with unachievable agricultural and industrial output targets — falsified crop figures and helped plunge the country into a

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famine that killed millions. More than 32,000 cases involved officials delaying or simply refusing to make reports. Xinhua said, decrying what it described as "this

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accounts for thee-quarters of all long-term flows to the

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Official aid, on the other

hand, has more or less stag-nated at about \$54.5 hillion,

after peaking at just under \$62 hillion in 1991 in the

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seek compromise in pay round

"Under certain conditions we would give up our princi-ple of shorter hours with full pay," the union chairman said. "Shorter working hours cost money. We are ready to accept pay cuts to cover these costs if the employers commit themselves in writing to em-ploy correspondingly more

workers. Roland Issen, chairman of white-coilar union. added: "We have to accept that shorter working times can't be achieved on full

The sacrifice of what has been a sacred cow to the unions is a recognition that economic recovery has hardly dented the ranks of more than 3.5 million unemployed in Germany and that firms

used the recession to rationalise and cut labour

responding pay cuts. But ominously, V.W. says it has rationalised so far that the jobs will have to go sooner or later. And more and more manufacturers are building their new factories outside Germany

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ions — further cuts in working times which are already

the shortest in Europe.

Last year the chemicals union I.G. Chemie agreed to a low two per cent pay rise in exchange for job security. Workers at Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, saved 30,000 jobs by agreeing to a four-day week with cor-

# German unions, employers

ready to stop considering pay cuts as taboo if it means

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union chief as saying that accepting pay cuts would be the price to pay for a longstanding demand by the un-

Unions hope cuts in hours could be used to create more the union chairman

Union bosses met last week to prepare a paper for their meeting with Mr. Kohl Wednesday. The gathering could set the tone for this spring's pay talks and — so unions and employers hope — avert a repeat of 1994's engineering sector pay

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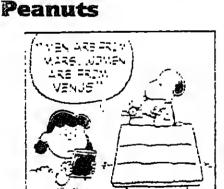
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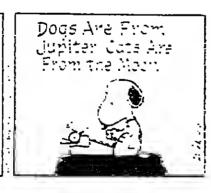
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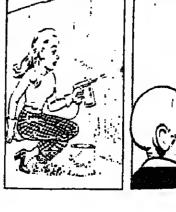


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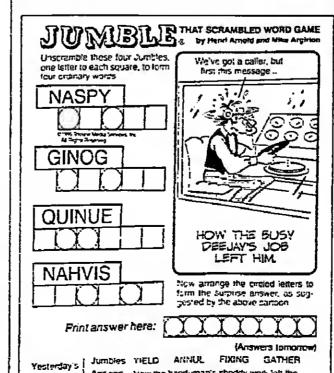






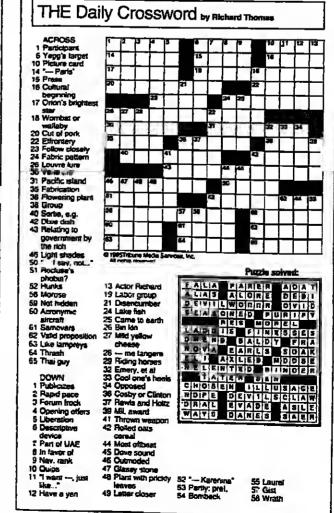


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# Hindu groups step up 'Buy Indian' campaign

NEW DELHI (AFP) — "We want to create a Right-wing Hindu groups nationalist feeling that every which once advocated free trade are now urging Indians to shun foreign goods and "Buy Indian" in a stepped-up campaign against the government sweeping economie re-

Walls in the capital are scrawled with graffiti denouncing multinational corporations and Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's efforts to globalise an Indian economy that remained largely sheltered until three-and-abalf years ago.

One of the slogans reminds people of a successful crusade against British products which Mahatma Gandhi waged during India's independence struggle in which bonfires were routinely made of foreign goods.

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"We want to create a nation has to evolve a mind of its own in economics," S. Gurumnthy, a convenor of the Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM, National Awakening

Forum), said in an interview. The integration of India with the rest of the world will be restricted to just one per cent of our population," said, referring to criticism that only the elite have profited from the reforms initiated by New Delhi in June

"Our ideas are based on an alternative thinking," he said. "A nation should largely live within its means and produce for its own market with trans-country commerce

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Foreign Exchange Market Summary

(January 16 - January 20, 1995)

AMMAN — The dollar depreciated sharply against Euro-

pean currencies at the end of last week, while appreciating

against the yen. It ended the week 1.51 per cent lower

against the mark, 1.29 per cent lower against sterling and

The dollar retreated against the mark and yen Monday,

while stabilising against sterling. The dollar's decline was

attributed to dealers' concern that the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) might postpone tightening its

monetary policy. Analysts pointed out that the release of

retail sales and inflation indicators showing slower growth,

as well as the Mexican financial crisis might cause the

FOMC not to tighten its monetary policy at its next

The dollar appreciated against other major currencies Tuesday, especially against the yen. The dollar rose on renewed expectations that the FOMC might tighten its

monetary policy. These expectations were ignited upon the release of capacity ntilisation figures showing an increase from 84.7 per cent in November to 85.4 per cent in

The dollar continued its appreciation against the mark and yen Wednesday, while depreciating marginally against stering. The dollar's appreciation came on the back of continued expectations that the FOMC might tighten its monetary policy. These expectations were bolstered by the

release of an economic survey and a statement by the vice chairman of the Federal Reserve. The survey showed that

the U.S. economy is still experiencing accelerating growth

that might result in inflation. Meanwhile, the vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank stated that he would support

further tightening of monetary policy.

On Thursday, the dollar declined sharply against other major currencies. Its decline was due to capital flight from Japan to Europe. Analysts attributed this capital flight to

investors' fear from the losses that Japanese companies

might suffer as a result of the recent earthquake that hit

Japan. The dollar also suffered from news that the

Bundesbank did not lower its repo rate, contrary to

At the end of the week, the dollar continued its

depreciation against European currencies, while appreciating against the yen. The dollar suffered from continued

capital flows into marks. Dealers' worries that the Federa-

tion Reserve might intervene to support the Mexican

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National Volunteer Corps), a powerful Hindu revivalist group and its allies that command hundreds of thousands of supporters.

Mr. Gurumurthy, dressed in elothes made from homespun cotton, said the SJM wanted Indians to boycott foreign hrands like during the country's independence campaign and go for only local products.

"If people do not huy the wasteful hundreds of multinational companies, they would be standing by their country." he said. Mr. Gurumurthy, a char-

tered accountant and an RSS activist, said the inflow of foreign goods into the country would stifle domestic in-

SJM pamphlets urge Indi-ans to shun foreign-made products such as toothpaste, shaving cream, soaps and detergents, cosmetics, soft drinks, paint, canned food

and even crayons, and in-stead look for Indian alterna-

The campaign began in November 1992, a year after the reforms got underway. hut ehbed after a while. It has resumed with renewed vigour and on a nationwide scale.

"We are surprised at the response from the people,' said Mr. Gurumunthy, adding that thousands have attended meetings in cities and towns called to popularise the campaign against globalisation.
"When we talk of (self-

reliance), we are talking of the way an Indian mind approahces life, including economics," he said. "Our economists do not know the Indian ethos." 'We are advocating a

savings-oriented society, a society based on conservation which cannot be hased on exports-based models," Mr. Gurumurthy said. "The West cannot appreciate this."

# **Jordan National Shipping** Lines profits JD 3.75m

AMMAN (R) — Jordan National Shipping Lines Company saw pre-tax profits soar nearly three fold in 1994 from the previous year, com-pany officials said Sunday.

The company posted a re-cord 3,750,000 diners (\$5.39 mil-lion) in pretax profits during 1994 from JD 1,348,990 dinars (\$1.94 million) in 1993, a company official told Reu-

Jordan National Shipping Lines Company is expected to distribute a 40 per cent dividend on par value of JD 1 (\$1.4) per share from 15 per cent in 1993, company sources said.

Its annual general meeting is in April.

The company's record results came partly from JD 1 million (\$1.4 million) in pro-

tonne multi-purpose vessel "Jordan 1" last year and a strong return on its investment portfolio.

Pretax-profits JD 4.9 million (\$7 million) of investments rose to over JD 2 milbion (\$2.87 million) from JD 1.650 million (\$2.37 million) in 1993.

The company, with JD 7 million (\$10 million) capital, is 24 per cent held by the private sector with stateowned corporations holding

A blue chip share in the Amman Financial Market, it saw its price soar a third during 1994 to around 3.500 dinars (\$5).

Assets rose to around 18 million dinars (\$25.86 million) in 1994 from 15 million dinars (\$21.55 million) in

The company, set up in 1977, owns and operates four vessels: two 15,000 tonne bulk carriers, a 97,000 tonne tanker now used for storage and a ferry. It also charters a multi-purpose vessel.

The company plans to buy three 15,000 tonne bulk carriers for phosphate exports and to sell its oil tanker, bought during the Gulf crisis in 1991 when Iraqi imports were cut off.

Expansion was delayed by the Gulf crisis when a U.S. led fleet enforcing an U.N. embargo on Iraq discouraged maritime traffic to Jordan's Red Sea port of Aqaba.

Jordan National Shippin Lines Company plans in 1993 to expand cargo routes now focused on northern Euro-pean to the Gulf, India and

# **UAE** to boost telecoms investment after business upturn

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The United Arah Emirates (UAE) is planning to increase investment in its telecommunications sector following a surge in business caused by economic growth, the local press has reported.

The state-controlled Etisalat, the UAE's sole telecommunications body, said it would boost its paid-up capit-al to 1.86 hillion dirhams (\$506 million) from around 1.5 billion dirhams (\$408 mil-

The increase means around 62 per cent of the company's authorised capital of three hillion dirhams (\$816 million) has been covered.

The increase was decided by Etisalat Board, which reported nearly 11 per cent growth in telephone husiness. The number of tele-

phones in operation in the UAE increased to around 615,000 in 1994 from 553,000 in 1993," Etisalat Director General Ali Al Oweis was quoted as saying by local newspapers. Experts said the growth

said scores of foreign firms were setting up hases in the UAE, while banks and companies operating in the Gulf country were expanding their telecommunications networks to cope with the husi- shares to shareholders.

ness npturn. Another reason is the introduction of mobile phones, which have exceeded 91,000 lines, including 30,000 on the GSM (Global System for

Telecommunication Mobiles)

system. Faxes and telegraphic services have also Etisalat, set up in 1975, was wholly owned by the government until it sold off 40 per cent of its share to the public in the early 1980s. The move has enabled the com-

pany to make high profits despite repeated cuts in charges. The husiness upswing, also spurred hy Etisalat's monopoly of telecommunications services in the UAE, has prompted the company to consider buying its own satellite, although it is a subscri-ber to Arabsat, a joint Arab

the past decade. A preliminary study carried out hy Etisalat recently showed its satellite would cost around 100 million was triggered by a surge in dirhams (\$27.2 million) hut it husiness, mainly hanking, construction and trade. They he bought or who would

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supply it. Etisalat officials said the capital increase would come from the company's own resources, adding they had decided to distribute bonus

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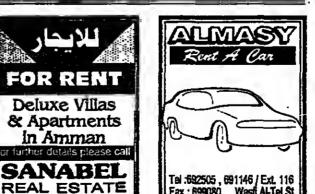
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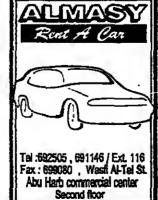
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# Americans dominate men's field; Germans knocked out

MELBOURNE (AP) — Defending champion Pete Sam-pras shook off his lethargy just in time, rallying from two sets down Sunday to defeat Sweden's Magnus Larsson and seal a place in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open Tennis Championships.

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He was joined by fellow Americans Michael Chang and Jim Courier as the tournament took on a distinctly star-spangled look.

Sampras was twice within two points of defeat in the third set against Larsson, but recovered to win 4-6, 6-7 (4-7), 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 in three hours and seven minutes. It was one of the best comebacks of his career after a strangely sluggish start.

The American reversed his loss to Larsson in last month's Grand Slam Cup final in Munich. It was only the second time in his career that Sampras had come two sets down to win.

"I knew going into this match that I'd have to fight hard," Sampras said. "He was playing too good for me and if he'd maintained that level he would have pulled it out.

"I just hung in there. I wasn't playing my best ten-nis, but I found a way to pull through.

Sampras' coach Tim Gullikson was admitted to hospital two days ago after suffering from dizzy spells that could relate to two strokes he suffered late last year.

Sampras talked with Gullikson before the match, gleaning some advice. "It's ironic. He was also in hospital when I played (Larsson) in Munich," Sampras said.

Larsson, who also led Sweden to victory over Russia in last month's Davis Cup final, served 19 aces, while Sampras slammed down 18 himself — I3 of them in the last three sets. Chang, the No. 5 seed, continued his impressive run by advancing with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over unseeded

Frenchman Olivier Delaitre. "It's been a good first four rounds," Chang said after breaking Delaitre's serve six

umes. "I still feel very fresh." Courier, the ninth seed and two-time champion, scored his fourth straight-sets victory hy defeating Karel Novacek the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 and will now face his friend and rival Sampras in

the quarterfinals. Courier broke Novacek's serve five times and won in iust 85 minutes.

"I'm playing very well."
ourier said. "I couldn't be Courier said. happier with the way I'm hitting the ball. (I've been) sneaking through the draw. Only Andrei Medvedev. the 20-year-old No. 13 seed from Ukraine, spoiled the American party.

Medvedev took 3½ hours to defeat unseeded American David Wheaton 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 10-8 and now plays

Chang.
"It's one of the most imwill stay in my mind for a long time." Medvedev said. 'David was very unlucky not to finish it off (when be served) at 5-4 in the fifth."

The 24-year-old Larsson, whose best Grand Slam performance is making the semifinals at last year's French Open, had not made it past the second round in six previous appearances at the Australian Open. The 15th seed has spent the

past I2 months lifting his fitness under the guidance of coach Calle Hageskog and went into the match with the tactic of keeping the ball on Sampras' forehand. It almost

The 6-foot-3-inch (1.92 metres) tall Larsson broke

Sampras' serve twice in the first set, using clubbing forehand winners to take it in 33 minutes.

There were no service breaks in the second set, but Larsson moved 5-2 ahead in the tiebreaker and served it

"He was playing flawless tennis the first two sets," Sampras said. "When I won the third set that was a huge turning point."

The third set went on serve until Sampras broke in the 11tb game and the American needed just one break - in the seventh game — to take out the fourth, which he clinched with an ace.

Sampras then took an early break in the decisive set and held on. Larsson, who had been so judicious with his placement in the first two sets began to make a catalogue of

"I can't play much better than I did today. I don't think I would have lost to too many players, but he's No. 1 in the World," Larsson said.

"I don't know if he was playing badly or not, but I put a lot of pressure on him. Concbita Martinez, the

No. 2 seed from Spain and the current Wimbledon champion, made the last eight of the women's singles with a 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2 win over Irina Spirlea of Romania and was joined by No. 4 Mary Pierce of France, a 6-2, 6-4 winner in just 80 minutes of baseline slugging over No. 10 Anke Huber of Germany. who double-faulted on match

Huber had won her last three meetings with Pierce, hut was let down by her serve. She sent down eight double faults and dropped serve five times.

"I really wanted to win today. I tried not to think about the occasion, or who I was playing," Pierce said.

Huber was the last German left in either singles event. It is the first time since 1984 that no German has made it into the quarterfinals of singles action at any Grand Slam. Defending women's champion Steffi Graf missed the event with a calf muscle in-

Anke should never have got into a shootout with Pierce," said Huber's coach Klaus Hofsaiss. "But now I think Mary has a good chance of winning the tournament."

Natasha Zvereva of Belarus rallied from a set and I-3 down against Kyoko Nagatsuka Japan to win their fourth-round match 3-6, 6-3, The No. 8 seed progressed

to the quarterfinals for the first time in six appearances at the Open. Nagatsuka wilted late in the match, losing 11 of the last 12 games as Zvereva's aggression paid dividends.

The tournament, sponsored by Ford, is being play-ed on rubberized rebound ace courts. It offers prize money of \$6.2 million and continues through Jan. 29.

### Australian Open Notebook

\* Angelica Gavaldon has an added incentive to win matches at the Australian Open — prize money to belp pay for ber shopping bills.
"I'm really bad with money," said Gavaldon, 21, who plays No. 3 seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic in the fourth round on Monday.

"I spend so much it's a joke. My dad has to take care of it otherwise I would have none. I love spending money on clothes

Gavaldon, whose best Grand Slam performance was making the quarterfinals of the 1990 Australian Open, said she had set herself a



Larsson Magnus

target of rewarding herself each time she won a match at the Australian Open. "There's a shop next to my

hotel and after each win I treat myself to a piece of clothing," said Gavaldon, who planned on buying a blazer after her 2-6, 6-3, 8-6 third-round win over American Lori McNeil.

was increasing and it had belped turn him into a better Gavaldon said sbe also bad to win to cover the costs of long-distance phone calls to ber family and boyfriend.

☆ Arantxa's Opinion: French and U.S. Open champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario rates the Australian Open the bardest of the four Grand Slam tournaments to win.

"It's the bardest one because you have to be able to be strong in the hot weather and the other conditions that you maybe do oot have at the other tournaments," said the Spaniard, who is top seed in the absence of injured world No. 1 Steffi Graf.

"You have to be ready because it can be an indoor tournament (when the retractable roof is closed), like bas been bappening so far."

\* Chang confident: Micbael Chang is not afraid of facing world No. 1 Pete Sampras across a tennis met - and believes his fellow American's position at the top of the tennis mountain is

women's field - doesn't benot impregnable.
"No-one is going to be No. lieve she's likely to win a Grand Slam title just yet. 1 forever," Chang said after his third round 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 "I wouldn't pick myself to win over Czecb Martin win at any tournament," said

> good luck and good manage-"Some people would bave to lose and on a couple of days I'd have to play really

Davenport. "To win bere

would take an awful lot of

☆ Delaitre measures up: Frenchman Olivier Delaitre takes on Michael Chang at

the Australian Open in the fourth round of the Australian Open - and the match will be a rare experience for the American. Chang seldom gets the

chance to play against someone shorter than himself. Delaitre is the sbortest

man left in the draw at (I.70m). Fifth-seeded Chang is not much taller at (1.75m). ★ Anssie moves: Six diffe-

rent venues bave been used for the Australian Open, which is being staged for the 90th time this year. The tournament has been

beld in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brishane, Perth and, strangely, New Zealand. It was first held in 1905 as the Australasien Championships and was changed to

the Australian Cham-

Australian Open in 1969. Melbonrne, now the permanent bome of the Open, is holding the tournament for the 40th time this

☆ Greg's bullet: Canada's Greg Rusedski headed the big-serving brigade after the first week of the Australian Оред.

Rusedski powered down a 130.5 miles per hour (210 kpb) serve despite falling to Andre Agasi Saturday. Australian Patrick Rafter.

who next faces Agassi, is a clear second. The local hero has a top speed of 208 kph. Germans Michael Stich and Lars Rehmann share the

next fastest at 203 kph. Among the women, Kristie Boogert from the Netherlands and American Debbie Graham are top of the league with serves of 172 kph.

\* Anke's excuse: Anke Huber of Germany bad an explanation for ber fourthround loss to Mary Pierce at the Australian on Sunday. Huber had beaten Pierce in

their last three meetings and was focusing too far ahead. "Maybe I just wanted too.

much," Huber said after he 6-2. 6-4 loss. "I knew that I had won the last three times and it was a good chance in a grand slam. Maybe I burried pionsbips in 1927 and the

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Damm at the Australian

Open tennis championships.

'What goes up, must come

Chang 22, the fifth seed,

"For me it creates more of

a challenge," the 1989 French

and Fred Stolle are among 16

veterans taking part in the

champions doubles event at

the Australian Open. Rose-

wall bas drawn former Wimb-

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ter McNamara as bis partner,

while Stolle, now based in

north Miami Beach, Fla., will

play with Vijay Amritraj of

India. The Stolle/Amritraj

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ters. Stolle for ESPN and

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Asia. McNamara and Rose-

wall are the top seeds, with

South Africa's Bob Hewitt

and Chris Lewis of New Zea-

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### Tomba makes it seven in a row

WENGEN, Switzerland (AFP) - Italian ski king Alberto Tomha won bis seventh straight World Cup slalom here in sensational style Sunday. The burly Italian was more than a second ahead of his nearest rival, Switzerland's Michael Gruenigen. Tomba timed Imin 33.89secs, over the two runs compared to Gruenigen's 1:35.21. Slovenia's Jure Kosir, whose 1:35.28 gave him third place, was quick to admit that no one could even come close to competing against the 28-year-old Italian idol who is poised to become the overall World Cup champion despite competing in only the slalom and giant slalom and ignoring the two speed race—the Super Giant and the downhill. "He is so strong, so flexible and powerful in the legs, he seems to be able to ski in a lower position than any of us," admitted Kosir. "The only way we are going to get near him is to work as hard as be does," added Kosir.

### Papin goes under the knife

BONN (AFP) — Former European footballer of the year Jean-Pierre Papin will have another knee operation in southern French city Marseille on Monday. However the length of time till the Frenchman trains again with Bayern

### Munich teammates was not revealed. Noah names Davis Cup team

MELBOURNE (AFP) — Davis Cup captain Yannick Noah named France's team for the Davis Cup match against the United States Sunday as Guy Forget, Cedric Pioline, Olivier Delaitre and Arnaud Boetsch. The match gets underway in the Florida city of St. Petersburg on February 3 and Noah said that the team would train here until January 27. He named Jerome Golmard and Thierry Guardiola as hitting partners for the squad. Both bad qualified for the tournament here. He made his announcement after Michael Chang of the United States, the fifth seed, had beaten Delaitre 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 in their fourth round match at the Australian Open. Noah had been highly critical earlier in the week of the way French players trained for Grand Slam tournaments such as the one here at Flinders Park and had remarked on bow French players went out at major tournament in three sets.

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# Forest and Newcastle struggle

LONDON (AFP) — Not-tingham Forest and Newcasde both failed to challenge the Premiership leaders as heavy rain postponed half of the day's fixtures.

Forest were beaten 2-1 at home by Midlands rivals Aston Villa, whose revival under Brian Little continued as they stretched their unbeaten run to seven matches with a well-deserved victory.

While defeat dented Forest's bid for a European place, the result was another boost to Villa in their attempt to climb well clear of the Premiership's relegation

Villa made the brighter start to the game and were eventually rewarded in the 32nd minnfe when John Fashanu pounced at the near post to stab bome a cross

53rd minute after Dutchman Bryan Roy went down under a challenge from Ugo Ehiogu.

Forest enjoyed parity for just 15 minutes before Staunton sent over another cross from which the unmarked Dean Saunders planted his header past Mark Crossley. Little remained cautious about his side's prospects of Premiership survival, saying: "Although we feel a little more comfortable now, there is still a lot of hard work to be

"The lads showed plenty of character and the right attitude, but then they have been doing that for the past few weeks now."

Collymore, Forest's top scorer, hit back at suggestions that his club are on a downward slide after their third league defeat in four

"Obviously, we are hitterly disappointed, but anybody who thinks we are on a downword slide is daft," he said. Newcastle's bopes of boosting their fading title challenge by landing their hirst League victory of 1995 were beld up by a rejuven-ated Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough in a goalless

'You're never really happy with a draw but we didn't do ; enough to win," said Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan. Keegan claimed that tiredness after his side's games against Manchester United and Blackburn had been a factor, adding: "I don't want to make anything of it, but I think possibly three games in . six days took its toll. It just

wasn't a classic." Arsenal's new 2.5 million pound striker John Hartson eased the pressure on boss

NEW YORK (AP) - If any-

thing, the National Hockey League's 103-day lockout

seemed to make North

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Sellouts were the norm for

the eight openers Friday

night, with the biggest crowd

being a turnour of 26,387 at

the league's largest arena, the

thunderdome in St. Peters-

burg, Fla.
"I was a little mad before

the season started, but it's

not going to do any good to not show up," Scott Santos of

St. Petersburg said before the

Pittsburgh Penguins beat the

Tampa Bay Lightning 5-3. "If

you're a hockey fan, you're

going to watch the games."

the ice at Joe Louis Arena -

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There was an octopus on

for ice bockey.

George Graham with a goal that brought some muchneeded cheer to their suffering fans and a 1-0 win at Coventry.

Hartson, who was cup-tied as the Gunners crashed out of the FA Cup against Millwall in midweek, he returned to score his first goal for the club 12 minutes from time.

Coventry, who dropped into the bottom four, have now gone nine League games without a win, and their 28year tenure in the top flight is under real threat.

Everton's twin strikeforce of Duncan Ferguson and Paul Rideont put Joe Royle's Goodison Park revival back on track with the goals that brought a 3-1 victory and added Crystal Palace to the relegation equation.

The Merseysiders had won just one of their previous six outings following a threegame winning start under Royle's command, hut they were given a dream opener by four million pound Fergu-

The former Dundee United and Rangers man, sentoff at Arsenal last week, grabbed the fastest goal of the day in the second minute. before completing the scoring two minutes from time with his sixth goal since arriving at Goodison.

Rideout bagged his 11th of the season in the 54th minute as Everton moved ont of the relegation places. There were no family

favours on offer at Portman Road, where Ipswich manager George Burley saw his nephew Craig earn Chelsea a point with a last-gasp equalis-

The Londoners went ahead with a Mark Stein goal after 67 minutes only for second-

15 - Patrice Loko (Nantes)

Wohlfarth (St Etienne).

lost 2-1 to the Buffalo Sabres.

"We are paying tribute to the most loyal and enthusias-

tie fans in the NHL," said

former Rangers goaltender John Davidson, the Emcee

for the 45-minute pregame

"Without your support, tonight's celebration would not be taking place," be said.

The season's first goal, at

9:11 of the first period, was

scored by Tampa Bay's Alex-

ander Selivanov, a 23-year-

old from Moscow participating in his first NHL game.

abbreviated 48-game sche-

dule. An 84-game season was

supposed to have started last

Oct. 1, but teams closed their

doors before labour peace

It was the start of an

bottom Ipswich to equalise five minutes later through Stuart Slater and then take an 80th-minute lead thanks to

John Wark's penalty. But Burley, an 84th-minute substitute, took only four minutes to make his mark with the goal which saved Glen Hoddie's men.

Lyon beat Cannes 3-1 in France's match of the day Saturday to shoot up to second place above Paris St. Germain after garnering six points in the space of just 48 hours.

Lyon, only sixth two days earlier, received a surprise bonus of three points from the league on Thursday but did all their own spadework against Cannes, another candidate for a UEFA Cup berth.

Florian Maurice give Lyon the lead in the first minute and though Croatian striker Ardian Kozniku equalised midway through the first half, Lyon took a deserved victory through goals from Stephane Roche and Claude-Arnaud Rivenet.

Lyon moved above PSG on number of goals scored. Both are on 41 points, 10 adrift of runaway leaders Nantes.

Cannes stayed fourth as nearest rivals Auxerre and Bordeaux both failed to win. Auxerre came from behind to draw 1-1 at home to Metz and Bordeaux went down 2-1 in St. Etienne despite taking

Neither PSG nor Nantes were in action. Their match played 10 days ago and won by Nantes, had been brought forward because the Parc Des Princes Stadium was the venue for Saturday's rugby union international between France and Wales.

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In Edmonton, where the

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Mighty Ducks, longtime Oilers fan Bruce Christensen

said he was happy to see the

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"I wanted to show support

for the game in the city and

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In San Jose, Calif., quar-terback Steve Young of the American football team the

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"It's great for the morale

players back in action.

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# IOC set to choose finalists for 2002 Games

LAUSANNE (AP) — The race for the 2002 Winter Olympics is about to become much less crowded.

The record field of nine candidate cities - including front-runner Salt Lake City — will be cut to four finalists Tuesday by a special panel of the International Olympic Committee.

There's little suspense over which four will be selected. Based on an IOC evaluation report issued last month, the following are likely to make the cut: Salt Lake City, Ostersund, Sweden, Quebec, Canada and Sion, Switzerland.

"It would be a great surprise if it's nor those four," said Jean-Michel Gunz, a member of the Sion bid committee. "In the evaluation report, you can clearly distinguish between that group and the other five." The others are Graz, Au-

stria; Jaca; Spain, Poprad-Tatry; Slovakia; Sochi; Russia; and Tarvisio, Italy. All five received poor marks in the IOC report for various logisfical, environmental and financial reasons.

All nine cities will make 20-minute presentations to the IOC's 10-man selection committee on Monday. This will be their last chance to impress the panel with charts, videos and speeches.

The selection committee chaired by IOC vice-president Un Yong Kim of South Korea, will meet privately Tuesday to choose the four finalists — by consensus if possible. If there is no consensus, a secret ballot will be held. The host city will be

June 16 during its session in Budapest, Hungary. This is the first time the IOC has reduced the field of bidding cities before the final vote. Having nine candidates was considered

elected by the full IOC on

unwieldy and too costly. If successful, the IOC will consider using the list of candidates for the 2004 Summer Olympics. A dozen cines have already expressed interest in bidding for those games.

Apart from weeding out unrealistic candidates, the main reasons for reducing the field is to cut down on the cost of the bidding process. Traditionally, all of the IOC's members - who currently number about 100 - are entitled to visit each of the bidding cities. flying first-class and staying at luxury hotels.

Under the streamlined system for the 2002 Games, the members can only visit the four finalists and must do so in groups. In addinon, new restrictions have been enacted to limit the travel and expenses of the bidding committees.

Dave Johnson, vice president of Sall Lake City's bid team, said the new rules have saved his committee around \$1 million. Salt Lake City has been the established front-runner all along, a position that was reinforced when the IOC report repeatedly praised the bid's "excellent" facilities, venues,

roads and financial olans. "Salt Lake City is not only a city that has talked the talk but has walked the walk," bid committee chief Tom Welch said during an Olympic meening in Atlanta last month.

The other candidates acknowledge Salt Lake City's strength.

"Salt Lake City is the best technical bid," said Gunz, the Sion official. "It's not a surprise to see that. Technically, we can not compare with Salt Lake City. In Europe, we will never have a winter resort connected with a six-lane, highway. But Salt Lake City also had the best bid last time. And look what

happened then. Indeed, in 1991, Salt Lake City lost by four votes to Nagano, Japan, for the

Olympics. Despite its technically superior bid, Salt Lake City lost out because IOC members were reluctant to choose an American city so soon after awarding the 1996 Summer Games to

Atlanta. This time, Salt Lake officials hope politics and geography will not work against the city's fifth Olympic bid.

### Pros and cons of 2002 bidders

A brief look at the advantages and disadvantages of the nine cities bidding for the 2002 Winter Olympics, based in part on an IOC evaluation report:

### Salt Lake City

Pros: Most venues ready or needing only slight modifications; single Olympic village, Utah's established Aloine ski resorts; easy access; good highways; plenty of hotels; modern technology; good financial plan and revenue possibilities.

Cons. Front-runner jinx? Chances of making final four: Virtually assured.

### Ostersund, Sweden

Pros: Perseverance (this is Sweden's ninth winter Olympic bid and third straight by Ostersund); Sweden's experience as a winter sports centre; excellent Alpine venues in are: single Olympic village in Ostersund; good accommodation, transportation and media facilities; government guarantee to cover any de-

Cons: Proximity to 1994 Lillehammer Games in Norway; concerns over location of bobsled and luge tracks. Chances of making final

four: excellent. Onebec

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Pros: Local support:

single Olympic village; stress on environmental protection; transportation infrastructure; existing indoor venues; government financial guarantees. Cons: Cold weather:

squabbling over speedskating venue; nuncertainty over course for men's downhill; Quebec's secessionist movement; legacy of debtridden 1976 Montreal Games.

Chances of making final four: very good.

### Sion, Switzerland

Pros: Public Support (61 per cent approval in referendum), deficit guarantee by federal and regional governments; environmental plan; World Cup standard Alpine ski sites; use of existing venues; Swiss orgnaisan on.

Cons: Spread-out venues, including three Olympic villages; travel problems between Sion and bobsled and luge events in St. Moritz; concern over site for opening and closing ceremonies; questions over operating expenditures.

Chances of making final four: good.

### Graz, Austria

Pros: World Cup standard Alpine venues in Haus and Schladming.

Cons: Public referendum on bid not to be held until the spring; substantial travel time between Graz and Schladming; proposed date of games conflicts with other skiing and ice hockey events; environmental concerns over bobsled and luge venue; no agreement yet on financial guarantees;

budget not specific. Chances of making final four: poor.

Poprad-Tatry, Slovakia Pros: Winter sports ex-

perience in Tatra mountain region; good conditions for Alpine and nordic events.

Cedric Ceballos led the

The Lakers' Nick Van

Exel, who made a buzzer-

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Ceballos scored the Lak-

In Atlanta, Ken Norman

scored 29 points as the

Hawks edged the Boston Cel-

the game at 110-110.

Lakers with 33 points and 11

rebounds.

Cons: State of Slovak economy; environmental concerns; spread-out accommodation; few facilities built; risky financial

Chances of making final four: poor.

### Jaca, Spain

Pros: Telecommunications and information technology; Spain's experience in hosting 1992 Barcelona Games.

Cons: no referendum or survey of public support; spread-out concept between Spain and Andorra; no real games' centre; no downhill course approved; possible warm temperatures for nordic events; no detailed plans for Olympic villages; transportation

Chances of making final four: very poor.

### Sochi, Russia

Pros: novelty of turning summer spa into winter resort; support of Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Cons: no existing venues or infrastructure; state of Russian economy; lack of detailed plans; environmental concerns; little transport, telecommunications, technology; unrealis-

tic financial projections.

Chances of making final four: very poor.

### Tarvisio, Italy

Pros: Good Alpine ski venue in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia.

Cons: impracticality of holding the games in three countries: Italy, Slovenia and Austria; current strained relations between Italy and Slovenia; condinonal Austrian support: logistical, legal and financial problems; spread-out concept; insufficient financial guarantees.

Chances of making final four: very poor.

Dominique Wilkins scored

15 points to lead Boston,

which has lost four

The Celtics played most of the second half with their

beoch as head coach Chris

due to what be termed an ego

look the bench players in the

eye and tell them they didn't

deserve to be out there," Ford said. "But these guys let

their egos get in the way of

winning a hallgame and I

wind up playing the second

half short-handed.

"I asked the starters to

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# Tip-in gives Cleveland win in double overtime

ros scored a career-high 41

points and the 76ers allowed

just three points in overtime,

defeating the Los Angeles

from the field, including 7-of-

ing the 76crs to just their

second win in their last 12

games. Philadephia rallied

from a 16-point third-quarter

we needed to do," Barros

said. "We didn't roll over.

We didn't quit. We fought

back and that's the most im-

"We all kind of knew what

Barros bit 14-of-23 shots

DENVER (R) - 'Little' Steve Colter snuck in among the big men to make a tip-in with two-tenths of a second left in double overtime that lifted the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 101-100 victory over the

Jenver Nuggets on Satu Danny Ferry missed a 15footer but the six-foot-three (I.90 metres) Colter, who had tied game with 4.8 seconds left in regulation, tip-

ped in the errant shor. "I don't know where Jalen (Rose) was on the last play," Enthusiasm high as NHL resumes said Colter, who slipped past the taller Nugget guarding

> "He was probably trying to block out one of the big guys. Just look et me, do I look like a guy you need to block out for a rebound? I jut slipped in behind and the hall came off right where I needed it."

The undermanned Cavaliers were able to win without guards Mark Price and Terrell Brandon and forward Tyrone Hill.

The Nuggets have lost four

straight games, all since the sudden resignation of head

coach Dan Issel. "Little Steve Colter comes up with an easy tip-in because we didn't match up on the boards," replacement coach

Cleveland led 92-89 with 2.8 seconds left in the first overtime Dale Ellis buried a left-angle 3-pointer. Ellis led Denver with 24 points and was 11-of-17 from the field.

"The sbots made by Denver were just amazing," said Cleveland coach Mike Fratello. "They made some great sbots to tie it in regulation and the first overtime. Sometimes you just shrug your shoulders and say bard

work gets it done.' Colter, who finished with I6 points, hit a jumper io the paint to give the Cavaliers an 83-83 tie with 4.8 seconds left in regulation. The Cavs had blown an eight-point lead in the last five minutes of the

fourth quarter. In Philadephia, Dana Bar-

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### a sure sign of a big game in Detroir — and a Stanley Cup NHL RESULTS banner raised to the rafters at Madison Square Garden.

Quebec The fans in New York were Hartford in a partying mood as they watched the Rangers raise Ny Islanders Ny Rangers the championship banner for the first time in 54 years. The Anaheim Rangers carried the Stanley San Jose Cup itself around the ice be-

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# Israel renews NPT refusal

CAIRO (Agencies) — Israeli tries io the region including Deputy Foreign Minister Israel should create a region Yossi Beilin said Sunday his government wanted to see complete peace in the Middle East before it would sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Mr. Beilin's comment canse after a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak's chief political adviser, Osama Al Baz, who repeated Egypt's plea to make the region free of nuclear arms.

The Israeli stand seemed to promise more tension with Egypt, which is refusing to renew its hacking for the anti-nuclear pact being renegotiated this year unless Israel — believed to be the only nuclear power in the region - also signs the treaty (see page 2).
"Complete peace must

come first, and then the next step is to sign the pact," said Mr. Beilin, who is here representing Israel in multilateral talks on the Middle East peace process

Israel, which is believed to have about 200 warheads and has never signed the treaty, has said it fears countries like Iran and Iraq may soon develop nuclear capabilities.

Dr. Baz told a news conference after the meeting: "Egypt helieves that all coun-

By a Jordan Times Staff

Reporter

AMMAN - Central Bank of

Jordan (CBJ) Governor

Mohammad Nahulsi said

Sunday Jordan and three

other Arah countries which

are implementing economic

restructuring programmes in coordination with the Inter-

national Monetary Fund

(IMF) had significantly im-

proved their performances in

monetary and economic

terms as a result of the prog-

Dr. Nabulsi, addressing

the final session of a two-day

forum that brought together

IMF experts, economic

analysts and journalists who

cover economic news, also

said the Jordanian dinar was

more stable than most other

regional currencies, exclud-

ing those of some of the

oil-producing Gulf couotries.

Summing up a close scru-

tioy of the fiscal restructuring

programmes under imple-

mentation in Jordan, Egypt,

Tunisia, and Morocco, Dr.

Nahulsi said the positive

effects of the measures were

felt in terms of controlled

inflation and stability of cur-

rency while the country was

also able to address its fore-

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free from all mass destruction

Egypt has been trying to persuade other Arab states also to refuse to sign the anti-nuclear pact, a move that has reportedly angered the Israelis.

Dr. Baz warned that Arab countries could obtain nuclear weapons themselves if Israel continued to possess a nuclear arsenal.

"Every action provokes a reaction and if Israel continues to possess the capacity to use nuclear weapons, that will make other parties work towards possessing the same capacities," Dr. Baz said after his talks with Mr. Beilin. "We will then find ourselves in a spiralling huild-

up," he said. Dr. Baz added that Egypt would continue to work for 'balanced arrangements' to rid the region of nuclear arms and to secure guarantees against the use of weapons of

mass destruction. On Saturday, Foreign Minister Amr Musa repeated Egypt's statement that it would refuse to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty unless Israel also does. Mr. Musa

made the statement after

Nabulsi reviews Jordanian,

Arab record in fiscal reform

The CBJ governor ex-

cluded Sudan, which is also

implementing an IMF prog-

ramme, from his summary,

saying the peculiar features

of that country did not allow

for any general assessment.

the impact of the IMF prog-

ramme on the poor is a

strongly cootested issue, with

many complaining that the

low-income group had come

under additional hardships.

He said there was oo "real

yardstick" to measure the

actual negative or positive

social consequences of the

measures adopted under the

programme - reduction of

subsidies and increase in

But, as far as the Jordanian

monetary authorities, deter-

mined to address the coun-

try's economic problems in

terms of foreign exchange re-

serves and currency stability,

programme has benefitted

the country in monetary and

fiscal terms," said the CBJ

Jordanian economy was hit hy problems in 1988-89 the

Dr. Nahulsi said after the

are concerned,

governor.

Dr. Nabulsi conceded that

ure oo Egypt to sign the treaty, hnt Mr. Pelletreau refused to comment on efforts to persuade the Egyptians to

Pelletreau. The Uoited States has reportedly been putting press-

Secretary of State Robert

Mr. Pelletreau said his meeting with Mr. Musa concentrated on the peace process and plans for a summit in March between Mr. Mubarak and U.S. President Bill Clin-

Last week, the well-known Egyptian journalist Mohamed Hassanein Heikal wrote that it was unlikely Egypt and other Arah states could maintain a consensus against the treaty because of pressure from the United

Mr. Beilin and Mr. Pelletreau were due to attend a meeting of the steering com-mittee of the multilateral Middle East peace talks. According to the Egyptian

government weekly Rose Al russef, the Israeli secret service Mossad believes Egypt and Israel could go to war in eight to 10 years' time, despite the peace treaty they signed in 1979.

A Mossad report on "the possibilities of an Israeli-

what would have happened

in the international market,

question the very methodolo-

gy applied in determining in-flation — a predetermined

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- Jordan has come a long

way from the late 80s when

the economic growth of the

country turned stagnant, he

However, economic

growth or social welfare is

not a concern of the IMF, he

said, adding that it was the

exclusive domain of the con-

cerned governments to adopt

measures to address these

said. "The Fund is not there

to create social development

Dr. Nabulsi also conceded

that market prices had gone

up, hut "not to the level of

the decline in the value of the

dinar," and said this was

mainly due to the restructur-

or address unemployment.'

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These are matters beyond

pointed out.

Without bringing into

to Jordan's creditworthiness"

meeting U.S. Assistant Arab war breaking out" was handed to the Israeli government, the weekly said. The report ruled out a war with Syria in the near future.

Meanwhile Tehran said that Israel - not Iran - is the real nuclear threat in the region as a final preparatory meeting for a world conference on the NPT begins at the U.N. Monday.

In a lengthy statement released oo Friday, Iran accused Israel of resorting to propaganda" to "try to justify its possession of nuclear weapons by unleashing a malicious campaign against Iran and its modest peaceful nuclear programme.

Tehran was apparently angered by a report two weeks ago in the New York Times that Iran was expected to explode a nuclear weapon within five years and that it could become a major regional threat. The daily had cited Israeli and U.S. sources

for its report.

The NPT preparatory meeting — set for U.N. headquarters on Monday through Friday — is to set an agenda and procedures for the global conference on the treaty. That meeting is also set for New York and will run from April 17 to May 12.



Mohammad Nabulsi

tban 50 per cent of its exchange value.

"Today, the Jordanian dinar is more stable than any other Arab currency except some of oil-producing countries," he said.

The "preservation" of the stability of the dinar after the 1988-89 devaluation had helped the poor to cope with the iocrease io market prices, be asserted.

There is no scientific basis assess which of the four Arab countries fared better by implementing economic restructuriog programmes, Dr. Nabulsi said, pointing out that the givens in the economies of the four countries and their past records varied too contrastingly to make any evaluation possi-

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# **Absence-plagued House plans** means to ensure quorum morning while there were suggestions to convene Sun-

SEARCH: A French rescue team looks under a frustrated the team's first-day efforts (see page

collapsed building on Sunday five days after an one) (AFP photo)

earthquake. Delays and logistic problems have

By Tareq Al Momani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The lack of quorum at meetings of the Lower House of Parliament's committees. and deputies' absence from meetings without excuse and arriving late for House meetings were the main issues under discussion Sunday at a closed-door House meeting which lasted for 3½ hours.

The meeting dwelt on ways to stop these practices after repeated complaints were raised by heads and rapporteurs of the House's various committees.

In view of the large number of members, it was difficult for some of the House committees to have the required quorum for holding meetings, especially that the House has four permanent committees and 10 temporary ones. Each committee bas 22 members.

The lack of quorum leading to the cancellations of committees' meetiogs has been a frequent occurrence and has very often prompted committee chairmen to present resignations to House speakers. This has also caused House speakers to convene closed-door meetings to discuss the issue, but

the problem is recurrent.

Srour said after Sunday's meeting that the deputies realised the grave responsibility they are shouldering and that they have a large oumber of draft laws listed on their agendas.

Mr. Srour said that deputies are keen to protect oational interests and realise that citizens are pinning great hopes on the enactment of the draft laws.

He said there was an agreement by the House members that the large number of members in each committee was the main reasoo leading for the lack of quorum and that they suggested cutting down membership in these committees.

The House faces a lot of work and unless the committees meet and discuss issues on their agendas no work could get done, Mr. Srour He said deputies focused

on the need to agree on a defined mechanism controlling the work of committees and speeding up their work. Another issue under discussioo, according to Mr. Surour, was the time for starting the House's two reg-

ular meetiogs every week duriog the Holy Month of Ramadan, which will start within a week's time. Meetings on Wednesdays will continue to be held in the

ing or after iftar, the traditional meal after sunset, said the House speaker, who added that no agreement was reached yet on when to hold Sunday sessions. He told reporters that the

day's meetiogs in the morn-

House will have to reach a decision at its first meeting during the Holy Month. Informed sources told the

Jordan Times that the closeddoor meeting also discussed the committees' work mechanisms and their functions in addition to whether the government adheres to resolutions by some of the House's committees, especially the Administrative Committee which deals with citizeos' complaints and proposals oo governmeot

The sources, who spoke oo condition of anonymity, said the deputies stressed the need for having an institutionalised mechanism requiring the government and the ministers to adhere to resolu-

tions by the House. The sources added that deputies usually rush to join House committees when they are set up either to run for the posts of chairmeo or rap-porteurs or to help in the

# Miracie baby

### born amid Kobe quake havoc

KOBE, Japan (R) — Misa

Ohnishi, now six days old and

vet to be given a first name,

Jume 19 Number 5826 must be one of the luckiest toddlers alive. Her 40-yearold mother, who declined to he identified, went into labour Tuesday at Kobe city general hospital at the very moment an earthquake rip-ped through the heart of the city, killing nearly 5,000 peo-ple. Japan's biggest quake in half a century also sent the doctor delivering the baby, Hideo Takashima, 63, crashing to the floor. Dr. Takashima broke his left wrist but nevertheless picked himself up and struggled on, delivering the baby at 7:30 a.m. (1030 GMT on January 16), about 90 minutes after the western port city was hir. Miss Ohnishi, whose medical records were mislaid in the havoc that followed the quake, is fit and well but doctors are keeping her under observation until life in Kobe becomes less chaotic "It was incredible," said Dr. Takashima, who returned to work on Sunday. "Just as the building started to shake, so WED NATIONS (AFP) did her mother," he said, smiling at Miss Ohnishi. Delegates from over 100 annes opened talks Mon-

# **Dutch get tough**

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R a mass rally crime had moved in, pushing hard drugs in coffee shops run by dishonest managers out to make a fast buck, she said. Ms. Sorgdrager plans to present a bill to parliament in May for better supervision of the country's 1,500 coffee shops. The aim is to restore their original function as a labe United States and the place where cannabis users can meet, sheltered from organised crime and hard drugs, to indulge their habit without too much risk to pub-

### Smithsonian puts elites' nude photos under wraps

lic health.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AFP) - A collection of nude photographs of America's elite that may include First Lady Hillary Clinton and former President George Bush has been closed to pul lic view after its existence was publicised. The New York Times magazine Jan. 15 dis-closed that the Smithsonian Institution, which runs a variety of museums, had a collection of nude photographs taken of students at Aincr ica'a most elite institutions. The pictures were first taken as "posture" photographs in the early 1900s. Researcher W.H. Sheldon continued the practice from the 1940s to 1960s as part of a now-discredited study of the rela-

tionship between intelligence and body shape. "Our naked

butts are in the Smithso-

nian," says George Vogt. 2

member of Yale University's

class of 1966 and now the

director of the Sonth Caroli-

na Department of Archives

and History. Vogt believes the photographs should be burned. "I can understand

why the Smithsonian would

want to record the quack

science of the time, but

cannot understand nor can

accept that they would retain

naked photographs of living people." The Smithsonian

appears to be loath to destroy

the collection, but has agreed

to seal it from public view.
There are the rights of the

subjects to consider." 523/5

Ildiko DeAngelis, assistant

general counsel for the

# flarts Europe tour

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### ing programme which restored the stability of the Kingdom had oo choice but to adopt a sweeping correc-Jordanian dinar after the tion programme with or withshock the currency received out the IMF. "We could have in 1988-89 when it lost more

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### Egypt, Jordan, PLO discuss refugees

CAIRO (AFP) - Egyptian, Jordanian and Palestinian officials met at the Foreign Ministry here Sunday to draw up a joint position on refugees from the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, Egyptian officials said. Under the 1993 Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) declaration of principles on autonomy, a four-way committee including Israeli officials is to discuss the fate of the Palestinians displaced during the war. Most of the refugees live in Jordan. The talks were attended by Palestinian Deputy Interior Minister Ahmad Tamimi and senior Egyptian and Jordanian Foreign Ministry officials — Badr Hamam and Abdel Karim Ahu Al Haijaa respectively.

### Hammad meets Kuwait charge d'affaires

AMMAN (Petra) - Interior Minister Salameh Hammad on Sunday had a meeting in his office with the charge d'affaires of the Kuwain embassy in Jordan. Faisal Muhairem. They discussed security matters of concern to Jordan and Kuwait.

### Awn Khasawneh named state advisor

AMMAN (Petra) - A Royal Decree was issued Sunday appointing Awn Shawkat Khasawneh as advisor to the state on matters related to international law with a minister's rank effective Jan. 12, 1995. Dr. Khasawneb has been working for the Foreign Ministry.

### Pakistan to ban militant training camps

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan, in a move to fight sectarian violence, decided on Sunday to han training camps run by militant Muslim groups, state television said. It said the decision was taken at a meeting of cabinet ministers and officials chaired by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. The meeting also decided to ban private religious schools from receiving direct donations from foreign sources, the television said. All donations would be channelled through the government, it added. Heavily armed militant groups of the majority Sunni and minority Shi'ite sects have clashed in Pakistan. The authorities say these groups train their militants in the use of arms at secret camps. The Sunni groups accuse Shi'ites of receiving help from oeighbouring fran. The Shi'ites accuse Sunni militants of being helped by Saudi Arabia. Both sides deny each

### Malaysia bans Muslim magazine

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysia has revoked the permit of a Muslim magazine which Prime Minister

Mahathir Mohammad said reviled Muslim nations and slandered the image of Muslim leaders, the New Sunday Times reported. The paper quoted Mr. Mahathir as saving the locally published magazine. Muslim Media International, used its articles to retard the growth of Muslim nations. Neither government officials nor anyone at the magazine was immediately available for comment on the newspaper report. Mr. Mahathir said the Home Ministry had received protests from Muslim countries which were unhappy with the magazine's editorial cootent, the newspaper said. "It was using democratic privileges to tarnish democracy itself. If such people are allowed to operate. Musiim nations will never progress," he was quoted as telling reporters on Saturday. The English-language Muslim Media International is published himonthly in Malaysia and circulated to local and foreign subscribers.

### Polisario to resume voter list help

TUNIS (R) — The Polisario Front, seeking independence in the Western Sahara, largely controlled by Morocco, said oo Sunday it would shortly resume working on voter registration for a U.N.-referendum on the future of the area. The front had said on Saturday it has halted the identification process in protest at Morocco allegedly banning an elderly tribal chief from travelling to refugee camps controlled by Polisario in southwest Algeria to work with the U.N. identification commission. The identification operation, interrupted temporarily, will resume shortly," the Polisasrio Front said in a statement obtained by Reuters io Tunis. The statement said Polisario leader Bachir Mustapha met on Saturday United Nations Secretary-General's representative Erik Jensen who assured him that the tribesman is alive and could later move to refugee camps.

### Japan's prince, princess tour Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) - Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako watched bedouin women weave mats from sheep wool and camel hair Sunday, on the second day of their visit to the emirate. Sitting in a teot in the courtyard of the national museum, they also watched the traditional festive dance of Arda, performed by sword-waving men in long flowing robes and headdresses. The royal couple, who arrived in Kuwait Saturday, visited the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research that was established in 1967 by a Japanese oil company. Their busy schedule included a visit to Kuwait Towers, the three-pointed structures by the Gulf waters that have become the symbol of modern Kuwant. Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako, his wife, met with the emirate's crown prince. Sheikh Saad Al Abduliah Al Sahah, who said he hoped the visit would further streogthen ties betwen the two countries.

# Iran urges Bahrain to show

restraint TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran on Sunday urged Bahraini authorities to exercise restraint toward Shiite Muslim dissidents, breaking an official

silence since trouble erupted in the Gulf archipelago last month. "Bahrain should exercise self-restraint toward the

opposition." deputy foreign minister Mohammad Hashemi told the daily Iran News. "Showing military muscle against Bahraini people is an outdated solution" to the crisis, said Hashemi, brother of

President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. The violence, unprecedented in Bahrain since it won independence in 1971, was triggered by the arrest in December of Shiite cleric Sheikh Ali Salman. The sheikh was deported to the United Arab Emirates, and

he later flew to London and asked for political asylum. Bahraini opposition groups say 16 people were killed in the unrest, but the authorities only acknowledged the death of one policeman. Hundreds of people have been arrested.

The opposition-in-exile is calling for the restoration of parliament and the constitution, suspended by the Sunniled Bahraini government since 1975.

Mr. Hashemi's remarks were the first by a senior Iranian official on the violence in Bahrain, although several clergymen have already condemned the crackdown.

Mr. Hashemi stressed that Iran had "no involvement in Bahrain's domestic affairs," countering speculation that Tehran may have played a

Iran regarded Bahraio as one of its provinces before the country's independence and several Bahrami opposition groups are active in

## Frenchman killed in Algeria; group threatens journalists

ALGIERS (Agencies) — A Frenchman was shot dead in central Algiers Sunday, according to a reliable French source here.

Joseph Belaiche, 52, who was of Jewish origin, was driving his car when he was attacked by gunmen in Port Said Square in the centre of the city, witnesses said. The witnesses could not

say how many gunmen there were, and they could not identify them. Belaiche was the 26th Frenchman and the 76th foreigner to die in Algeria since

September 1993, when Isla-mie fundamentalist militants warned all foreigners to leave the country, on pain of death. The last fundamentalist attack on Frenchmen was on-Dec. 27, when three French Franciscan priests and a Belgian colleague were gunned

down in their mission in Tizi Ouzou south of Algiers in

retaliation for the deaths of four fundamentalist hijaek-The hijackers were killed hy crack French troops at Marseille airport in southern France on Dec. 26 after they flew there aboard an Air France passenger jet they had taken over at Algiers airport on Dec. 24. Three hostages

dered by the hijackers. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Sunday's murder, but suspicion fell on the fundamentalists, who have been waging war on the military-backed secular government since January 1992, when it cancelled the second round of elections the fundamentalist Islamie Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to win.

on the airliner had been mur-

An Algerian daily said a band of 30 guerrillas raided an Algerian mountain hotel. killing one worker and wounding the manager criti-

"They completely des-troyed the hotel," the newspaper Liberte reported. It said guerrillas anacked the Arz hotel, 90 kilometres (60 miles) southeast of Algiers on Friday night.

The armed meo gathered all hotel furniture in a courtyard and set it ahlaze, the newspaper said. Manager Hacen Kesraoui

was rushed to hospital with

gunshot wounds to the face.

Latest security force statements, the only authorised official source of information on violence in Algeria, made no mention of the incideot. But Liberte, which is wellinformed on security in the stronghold of Berbers opposing both the army-backed government and militants,

said several bars and hotels were rampaged in previous militants attacks. In a similar raid last June, guerrillas shot dead at least two people in a hotel in Les Eucalyptus, an eastern sub-urh of the capital Algiers. Officials did not report the incident then.

Hotels have been targeted

hy fundamentalist militants who are opposed to secular culture and the sale of alcohol in such establishments. Algeria's militant Armed Islamic Group (GIA) has warned television and radio journalists in Algeria to stop working immediately or face attack, the international Arabic newspaper Al Hayat said.

It said the GIA, in a statement obtained by the newspaper, described journalists in Algeria as "hired media who justify the crimes and cover up the evils" of Algerian authorities. At least 30 journalists have

been killed in the country since June 1993. Three of them have died this month. "The legitimate position of the GIA towards radio and television journalists is the same as towards apostates, and it calls on all journalists working in ... television and radio to halt immediately," Al Hayat quoted the state-

saying.
"If not, the GIA will continue to hit with strength all those who refuse to respond immediately." it said.

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<sub>yines</sub> being moved in south MAN (J.T.) - Jordan Monday started removing nines in an area north of the near its horder with to prepare for demarthe internacional bor-phone Feb. 10 in accordwith the provisions or Jordanian-Israeli peace n signed Oct. 26, 1994. wawi, commander of the am military area, told Television that the andes would start placing wer markers after removobstacles. Maj. Gen. Mawi said the Armed would finish removing sin the border area heand Aqaba and the Dead before Feb. 10. W.meets on NPT

# over soft drugs

THE HAGUE (AFP) — For long regarded by foreigners as lax in the fight against drugs, the Netherlands is changing gear and toughening its policy towards soft drugs, Justice Minister Winnie Sorgdrager puts it bluntly: Either the "coffee shops" where cannabis is sold and smoked become once more the discreet venues they were originally supposed to be in the early 1970s, or they will be closed down, "Our policy of tolerance has gone adrift," she admitted this week, "and we must go into reverse." She is the first minister of any Dutch government to have spoken out so firmly on the issue. The coffee shops worked well enough to begin with, but from 1979 things went from bad to worse due to lack of police and administrative | Seith Hassan Nasrallah dur-

and United Nations To

ERUT (AP) - The Hiz-The group has publicly deand for the first time that Asix Israeli soloiers missing klabanon were dead. The section was made by Hiziellah Secretary-General Bint Sunday. Excerpts of is speech were published by greral Lehanese dailies Monday. Eulogising a Emboliah-linked activist. died in an Israeli-run 2500 in South Lebanon last sek. Sheikh Nasrallah fiel human rights concepts kst. "No one in their world ates even a mention of the andreds of prisoners sufferthe ugliest forms of issical torture in the Khiam he said. "Yet ail and the revelation of the it of the missing Israeli sidiers in Lebanon even cough all of them had be-

### Dubai restores <sup>phone</sup> links with

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MBAI (AFP) — The Emiof Dubai, a member of United Arab Emirates (AE), has restored tele-thone links with Iraq which the cut after the January-ishing 1991 Gulf war. cations authority Etisasaid the decision was in imilaterally by the emileaders, and did not the other six members LAE. Telephone links a Baghdad remained cut. according to sub-

# <sup>Bahraini</sup> minister